

26 | attraction or feelings toward a person of the same gender. The
27 | term does not include professional counseling that provides:

28 | (a) Support to an individual actively undergoing gender
29 | transition; or

30 | (b) Acceptance, support, and understanding of an
31 | individual or facilitates an individual's coping, social
32 | support, and identity exploration and development, including
33 | sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address
34 | unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices; however, the goal
35 | of such counseling is not to change the individual's sexual
36 | orientation or gender identity.

37 | (2) A person who is licensed to provide professional
38 | counseling or who provides counseling as part of his or her
39 | professional practice under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
40 | 490, or chapter 491, including, but not limited to, a medical
41 | practitioner, osteopathic physician, psychologist,
42 | psychotherapist, clinical social worker, marriage and family
43 | therapist, or mental health counselor, may not practice or
44 | perform conversion therapy with an individual younger than 18
45 | years of age. Any such licensed professional who practices or
46 | performs or attempts to practice or perform conversion therapy
47 | with an individual younger than 18 years of age engages in
48 | unprofessional conduct and is subject to disciplinary
49 | proceedings by the department and the appropriate board.

50 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.