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Short Title: OCCUPATIONAL BDS/AGENCIES

Summary:

- Extends the sunset date of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2010.
- Adds the following to the criteria that must be considered in the sunset review of Agencies, Boards and Commissions:
 - The extent to which the agency, board or commission has effectively attained its objectives and the efficiency with which it has operated.
 - The extent to which the board, commission or agency duplicates the activities of another governmental agency or the private sector.
- Changes the standard sunset period for boards or commissions scheduled to terminate under AS 44.66 or AS 08.03 from four years to eight years.
- Provides for the transfer of authority for regulatory boards that are terminated.

Benefits:

- Extending the Board of Marital and Family Therapy implements a recommendation of the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee and serves the public's interest by licensing only qualified individuals, setting out practice standards and enforcing laws uniformly and consistently.
- Expanding sunset criteria assures that auditors will measure the efficiency and effectiveness of boards, commissions or agencies under review.
- Increasing the standard sunset period allows for better use of audit staff and committee time, and makes the sunset process less time consuming for board/regulatory agencies.

Background:

- Sunset laws were first adopted in the United States in the 1970s as part of a national movement to increase the accountability of government and reduce bureaucracy. The sunset process is intended to provide for the routine re-determination of the need for some aspect of government, increasing the likelihood that government growth is productive and deliberate.