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HOUSE BILL NO. 1824

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SUTHERLAND.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.600, 337.603, 337.615, 337.618, and 337.643, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to social workers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 337.600, 337.603, 337.615, 337.618, and 337.643, RSMo, are
2 repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.600, 337.603,
3 337.615, 337.618, and 337.643, to read as follows:

337.600. As used in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Advanced macro social worker", the applications of social work theory, knowledge,
3 methods, principles, values, and ethics; and the professional use of self to community and
4 organizational systems, systemic and macrocosm issues, and other indirect nonclinical services;
5 specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in case management, information and
6 referral, nonclinical assessments, counseling, outcome evaluation, mediation, nonclinical
7 supervision, nonclinical consultation, expert testimony, education, outcome evaluation, research,
8 advocacy, social planning and policy development, community organization, and the
9 development, implementation and administration of policies, programs, and activities. A
10 licensed advanced macro social worker may not treat mental or emotional disorders or provide
11 psychotherapy without the direct supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, or diagnose a
12 mental disorder;

13 (2) "Clinical social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, values,
14 methods, principles, and techniques of case work, group work, client-centered advocacy,
15 community organization, administration, planning, evaluation, consultation, research,
16 psychotherapy and counseling methods and techniques to persons, families and groups in

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 assessment, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and amelioration of mental and emotional
18 conditions;

19 (3) "Committee", the state committee for social workers established in section 337.622;

20 (4) "Department", the Missouri department of insurance, financial institutions and
21 professional registration;

22 (5) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration;

23 (6) "Division", the division of professional registration;

24 (7) "Independent practice", any practice of social workers outside of an organized setting
25 such as a social, medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker assumes
26 responsibility and accountability for services required;

27 (8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any person who offers to render services
28 to individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities, government
29 agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the
30 person is trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro social worker, and who holds
31 a current valid license to practice as an advanced macro social worker;

32 (9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person who offers to render services to
33 individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general
34 public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and
35 licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as a
36 baccalaureate social worker;

37 (10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who offers to render services to
38 individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general
39 public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and
40 licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a current, valid license to practice as a clinical
41 social worker;

42 (11) "Licensed master social worker", any person who offers to render services to
43 individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities, government
44 agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the
45 person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a master social worker, and who holds a current
46 valid license to practice as a master social worker. A licensed master social worker may not treat
47 mental or emotional disorders, provide psychotherapy without the direct supervision of a
48 licensed clinical social worker, or diagnose a mental disorder;

49 (12) "Master social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods,
50 and ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or
51 biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,
52 communities, institutions, government agencies, or corporations. The practice includes the

53 applications of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment,
54 treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case management, mediation, information
55 and referral, counseling, client education, supervision, consultation, education, research,
56 advocacy, community organization and development, planning, evaluation, implementation and
57 administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as provided in this
58 section, the practice of master social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social
59 workers or advanced macro social workers **for no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar**
60 **months for the purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645;**

61 (13) "Practice of advanced macro social work", rendering, offering to render, or
62 supervising those who render to individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,
63 institutions, corporations, government agencies, communities, or the general public any service
64 involving the application of methods, principles, and techniques of advanced practice macro
65 social work;

66 (14) "Practice of baccalaureate social work", rendering, offering to render, or supervising
67 those who render to individuals, families, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, or the
68 general public any service involving the application of methods, principles, and techniques of
69 baccalaureate social work;

70 (15) "Practice of clinical social work", rendering, offering to render, or supervising those
71 who render to individuals, couples, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, or the
72 general public any service involving the application of methods, principles, and techniques of
73 clinical social work;

74 (16) "Practice of master social work", rendering, offering to render, or supervising those
75 who render to individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations,
76 government agencies, communities, or the general public any service involving the application
77 of methods, principles, and techniques of master social work;

78 (17) ["Provisional licensed clinical social worker", any person who is a graduate of an
79 accredited school of social work and meets all requirements of a licensed clinical social worker,
80 other than the supervised clinical social work experience prescribed by subdivision (2) of
81 subsection 1 of section 337.615, and who is supervised by a person who is qualified to practice
82 clinical social work, as defined by rule;

83 (18)] "Qualified advanced macro supervisor", any licensed social worker who meets the
84 qualifications of a qualified clinical supervisor or a licensed advanced macro social worker who
85 has:

86 (a) Practiced in the field **of social work as a licensed social worker** for which he or she
87 is supervising the applicant for a minimum [uninterrupted period] of five years;

88 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the
89 Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited
90 university, or a program approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations
91 providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined
92 by the state committee on social work; and

93 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689, and as defined by rule by
94 the state committee for social workers;

95 [(19)] (18) "Qualified baccalaureate supervisor", any licensed social worker who meets
96 the qualifications of a qualified clinical supervisor, qualified master supervisor, qualified
97 advanced macro supervisor, or a licensed baccalaureate social worker who has:

98 (a) Practiced in the field **of social work as a licensed social worker** for which he or she
99 is supervising the applicant for a minimum [uninterrupted period] of five years;

100 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the
101 Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited
102 university, or a program approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations
103 providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined
104 by the state committee on social workers; and

105 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689, and as defined by rule by
106 the state committee for social workers;

107 [(20)] (19) "Qualified clinical supervisor", any licensed clinical social worker who has:

108 (a) Practiced in the field **of social work as a licensed social worker** for which he or she
109 is supervising the applicant [uninterrupted since August 28, 2004, or] **for** a minimum of five
110 years;

111 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the
112 Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited
113 university, or a program approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations
114 providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined
115 by the state committee on social work; and

116 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689, and as defined by rule by
117 the state committee for social workers;

118 [(21)] (20) "Social worker", any individual that has:

119 (a) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from an accredited social
120 work program approved by the council on social work education;

121 (b) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

122 (c) A current social worker license as set forth in sections 337.600 to 337.689.

337.603. No person shall use the title of "licensed clinical social worker"[,] **or** "clinical social worker" [or "provisional licensed clinical social worker"], or engage in the practice of clinical social work in this state, unless the person is licensed as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689. Only individuals who are licensed clinical social workers shall practice clinical social work. Sections 337.600 to 337.689 shall not apply to:

(1) Any person registered, certificated, or licensed by this state, another state, or any recognized national certification agent acceptable to the committee to practice any other occupation or profession while rendering services similar in nature to clinical social work in the performance of the occupation or profession which the person is registered, certificated, or licensed; and

(2) The practice of any social worker who is employed by any agency or department of the state of Missouri while discharging the person's duties in that capacity.

337.615. 1. Each applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

(1) The applicant has a master's degree from a college or university program of social work accredited by the council of social work education or a doctorate degree from a school of social work acceptable to the committee;

(2) The applicant has completed three thousand hours of supervised clinical experience with a qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in section 337.600, in no less than twenty-four months and no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months;

(3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the committee. The eligibility requirements for such examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;

(4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident alien, and has not been convicted of a felony during the ten years immediately prior to application for licensure.

2. Any person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or permit from another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice clinical social work who has had no disciplinary action taken against the license, certificate of registration, or permit for the preceding five years may be granted a license to practice clinical social work in this state if the person meets one of the following criteria:

(1) Has received a masters or doctoral degree from a college or university program of social work accredited by the council of social work education and has been licensed to practice clinical social work for the preceding five years; or

23 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as a clinical social worker in another state, territory
24 of the United States, or the District of Columbia having substantially the same requirements as
25 this state for clinical social workers.

26 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and fee
27 as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes evidence
28 satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subdivisions
29 (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.
30 [The committee shall issue a provisional clinical social worker license to any applicant who
31 meets all requirements of subdivisions (1), (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section, but who
32 has not completed the twenty-four months of supervised clinical experience required by
33 subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, and such applicant may reapply for licensure as
34 a clinical social worker upon completion of the twenty-four months of supervised clinical
35 experience.]

 337.618. Each license issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689
2 shall expire on a renewal date established by the director. The term of licensure shall be
3 twenty-four months. The committee shall require a minimum number of thirty clock hours of
4 continuing education for renewal of a license issued pursuant to sections 337.600 to 337.689.
5 The committee shall renew any license[, other than a provisional license,] upon application for
6 a renewal, completion of the required continuing education hours and upon payment of the fee
7 established by the committee pursuant to the provisions of section 337.612. As provided by rule,
8 the board may waive or extend the time requirements for completion of continuing education for
9 reasons related to health, military service, foreign residency, or for other good cause. All
10 requests for waivers or extensions of time shall be made in writing and submitted to the board
11 before the renewal date.

 337.643. 1. No person shall use the title of licensed master social worker and engage
2 in the practice of master social work in this state unless the person is licensed as required by the
3 provisions of this section and section 337.644.

4 2. A licensed master social worker shall be deemed qualified to practice the applications
5 of social work theory, knowledge, methods and ethics and the professional use of self to restore
6 or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families,
7 groups, organizations, and communities. "Master social work practice" includes the applications
8 of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the management, information and
9 referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, research, advocacy, community
10 organization, and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs,
11 and activities. Under supervision as provided in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the practice of
12 master social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social workers or advanced

- 13 macro social workers **for no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months for the**
14 **purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645.**

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