

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 886

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS.

2141H.011

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 337.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to social workers.

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

Section A. Section 337.600, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.600, to read as follows:

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

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

(2) "Clinical social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, values, methods, principles, and techniques of case work, group work, client-centered advocacy, community organization, administration, planning, evaluation, consultation, research, 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
20 337.622;

21 (4) "Department", the Missouri department of commerce and insurance;

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
25 setting 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
28 services to individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities,
29 government agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise,
30 implying that the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro social
31 worker, and who holds 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
33 to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the
34 general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained,
35 experienced, and licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds a current valid
36 license to practice as a 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
39 general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained,
40 experienced, and licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a current, valid license to
41 practice as a clinical 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
45 the person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a master social worker, and who holds a
46 current valid license to practice as a master social worker. A licensed master social worker
47 may not treat mental or emotional disorders, provide psychotherapy without the direct
48 supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, or diagnose a mental disorder;

49 (12) "Master social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge,
50 methods, and ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial,
51 or 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,
55 information and referral, counseling, client education, supervision, consultation, education,
56 research, advocacy, community organization and development, planning, evaluation,
57 implementation and administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision
58 as provided in this section, the practice of master social work may include the practices
59 reserved to clinical social workers or advanced macro social workers for no more than forty-
60 eight consecutive calendar months for the purpose of obtaining licensure under section
61 337.615 or 337.645;

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

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

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

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

79 (17) "Qualified advanced macro supervisor", any licensed social worker who meets
80 the qualifications of a qualified clinical supervisor or a licensed advanced macro social
81 worker who has:

82 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a licensed social worker for which he or
83 she is supervising the applicant for a minimum of ~~five~~ **three** years;

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

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

91 (18) "Qualified baccalaureate supervisor", any licensed social worker who meets the
92 qualifications of a qualified clinical supervisor, qualified master supervisor, qualified
93 advanced macro supervisor, or a licensed baccalaureate social worker who has:

94 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a licensed social worker for which he or
95 she is supervising the applicant for a minimum of ~~[five]~~ **three** years;

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

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

103 (19) "Qualified clinical supervisor", any licensed clinical social worker who has:

104 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a licensed social worker for which he or
105 she is supervising the applicant for a minimum of ~~[five]~~ **three** years;

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

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

113 (20) "Social worker", any individual that has:

114 (a) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from an accredited
115 social work program approved by the ~~[council on social work education]~~ **Council on Social**
116 **Work Education;**

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

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

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