

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1963

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS.

4340H.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Section A. Section 337.600, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.600, to read as follows: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 degree in social work from an accredited social work  
115 program approved by the Council on Social Work Education;

116 (b) Received a master's degree in social work from a social work program:

117 a. Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

118 b. Recognized and approved by the committee in accordance with rules adopted by  
119 the committee under section 337.627 and in accordance with the procedure set forth in section  
120 337.628;

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

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

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