

**MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE AMENDMENTS**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**This act modifies the Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act and the Judicial Code.**

**This**

**act reduces the amount of clinical experience required to qualify as a marriage and family therapist supervisor. This act adds professional counselors to the list of therapists who have a limited duty to warn or take precautions to provide protection from violent behavior of a client.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**58-60-307**, as enacted by Chapter 159, Laws of Utah 2000

**78-14a-101**, as last amended by Chapter 21, Laws of Utah 1999

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-60-307** is amended to read:

**58-60-307. Marriage and family therapist supervisors -- Qualifications.**

(1) Each person acting as a marriage and family therapist supervisor shall:

(a) have at least [~~five~~] two years of clinical experience as a marriage and family therapist

since

the date of first licensure as a marriage and family therapist; and

(b) either:

(i) be approved as a supervisor by a national marriage and family therapist professional organization; or

(ii) meet the criteria established by rule.

(2) Persons who act as a supervisor without meeting the requirements of this section are subject

to discipline for unprofessional conduct.

Section 2. Section **78-14a-101** is amended to read:

**78-14a-101. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, "therapist" means:

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(1) a psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine under Section 58-67-301, Utah Medical Practice Act or under Section 58-68-301, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

(2) a psychologist licensed to practice psychology under Section 58-61-301;

(3) a marriage and family therapist licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Section 58-60-304;

(4) a social worker licensed to practice social work under Section 58-60-204; ~~and~~

(5) a psychiatric and mental health nurse specialist licensed to practice advanced psychiatric nursing under Title 58, Chapter 31b[-]; and

(6) a professional counselor licensed to practice professional counseling under Title 58, Chapter 60, Part 4, Professional Counselor Licensing Act.