

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.

- 28 As used in this chapter, "therapist" means:
- 29 (1) a psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine under Section 58-67-301, Utah Medical
- 30 Practice Act or under Section 58-68-301, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
- 31 (2) a psychologist licensed to practice psychology under Section 58-61-301;
- 32 (3) a marriage and family therapist licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under
- 33 Section 58-60-304;
- 34 (4) a social worker licensed to practice social work under Section 58-60-204; [~~and~~]
- 35 (5) a psychiatric and mental health nurse specialist licensed to practice advanced
- 36 psychiatric nursing under Title 58, Chapter 31b[-]; and
- 37 (6) a professional counselor licensed to practice professional counseling under Title 58,
- 38 Chapter 60, Part 4, Professional Counselor Licensing Act.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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