

Senator D. Chris Buttars proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

ACT AMENDMENTS

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: D. Chris Buttars

This act modifies the Mental Health Professional Practice Act by allowing a certified social worker intern to provide mental health therapy under the supervision of a clinical social worker.

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

AMENDS:

58-60-204, as enacted by Chapter 32, Laws of Utah 1994

58-60-205, as last amended by Chapter 28, Laws of Utah 1995

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

Section 1. Section **58-60-204** is amended to read:

58-60-204. License classifications.

The division shall issue licenses and certifications to individuals qualified under this part in the classifications:

(1) clinical social worker;

(2) certified social worker; [~~and~~]

(3) certified social worker intern; and

[~~(4)~~] (4) social service worker.

Section 2. Section **58-60-205** is amended to read:

58-60-205. Qualifications for licensure or certification as a clinical or certified social worker, certified social worker intern, and social service worker.

(1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall:



26 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
27 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;
28 (c) be of good moral character;
29 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
30 recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of
31 an education and earned degree as follows:

32 (i) an earned master's degree in social work resulting from completion of an education
33 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or

34 (ii) an earned doctoral degree in social work that results from successful completion of
35 a clinical concentration and practicum approved by the division and defined by rule under
36 Section 58-1-203;

37 (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical social work training as
38 defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the
39 supervision of a clinical social worker supervisor approved by the division in collaboration
40 with the board;

41 (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training
42 in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection
43 (1)(d), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training in Subsection
44 (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the hours were
45 obtained under the direct personal face to face supervision of a clinical social worker approved
46 by the division in collaboration with the board;

47 (g) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with
48 a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203; and

49 (h) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

50 (2) An applicant for licensure as a certified social worker shall:

51 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;

52 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

53 (c) be of good moral character;

54 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
55 recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying
56 satisfactory completion of an education and an earned degree as follows:

- 57 (i) a social work education program accredited by the Council on Social Work
- 58 Education and an earned master's degree resulting from completion of that program; or
- 59 (ii) an education program that contains approved clinical social work concentration and
- 60 practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203 and an earned doctorate
- 61 resulting from completion of that program; and
- 62 (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.

63 (3) (a) An applicant for certification as a certified social worker intern shall meet the

64 requirements of Subsections (2)(a), (b), (c), and (d).

65 (b) Certification under Subsection (3)(a) is limited to the time necessary to pass the

66 examination required under Subsection (2)(e) or six months, whichever occurs first.

67 (c) A certified social worker intern may provide mental health therapy under the

68 general supervision of a clinical social worker.

69 [~~3~~] (4) An applicant for licensure as a social service worker shall:

- 70 (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
- 71 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;
- 72 (c) be of good moral character;
- 73 (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
- 74 recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying
- 75 satisfactory completion of an earned degree resulting from education as follows:

76 (i) a bachelor's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social

77 Work Education;

78 (ii) a master's degree in a field approved by the division in collaboration with the social

79 worker board; or

80 (iii) a bachelor's degree in sociology, psychology, family sciences, or other field

81 approved by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board and also

82 documentation of 2,000 hours of supervised social work activity approved by the division in

83 collaboration with the board, which is performed after completing bachelor's degree

84 requirements under this Subsection (4);

85 (iv) a bachelor's degree in any field, if the applicant has completed:

86 (A) the equivalent of three credit hours of course work or other approved training in

87 full-life human growth behavior, abnormal psychology, social work values and ethics, social

88 welfare, or social welfare policy;

89 (B) an approved social work practice methods course; and

90 (C) one year of qualifying experience under the supervision of a licensed certified or
91 clinical social worker, which experience is approved by the division in collaboration with the
92 Social Worker Licensing Board, and which is performed after completion of the requirements
93 to obtain the bachelor's degree required under this Subsection (4); or

94 (v) successful completion of the first academic year of a Council on Social Work
95 Education approved master's of social work curriculum and practicum; and

96 (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.