

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WORKER

LICENSING

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: D. Chris Buttars

House Sponsor: Curtis Oda

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This bill amends the Social Worker Licensing Act by providing that an applicant for licensure must satisfactorily complete a program accredited by, or in candidacy for accreditation by, the Council on Social Work Education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines the term "program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" to include a program that was accredited, and a program that was in candidacy for accreditation, on the day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program; and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:



28 **58-60-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32



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

31 Section 1. Section **58-60-202** is amended to read:

32 **58-60-202. Definitions.**

33 In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part:

34 (1) "Board" means the Social Worker Licensing Board created in Section 58-60-203.

35 (2) "Practice of clinical social work" includes:

36 (a) the practice of mental health therapy by observation, description, evaluation,
37 interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of behavior by the application
38 of generally recognized professional social work principles, methods, and procedures for the
39 purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, the
40 symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior;

41 (b) the application of generally recognized psychotherapeutic and social work
42 principles and practices requiring the education, training, and clinical experience of a clinical
43 social worker; and

44 (c) supervision of the practice of a certified social worker or social service worker as
45 the supervision is required under this chapter and as further defined by division rule.

46 (3) "Practice of certified social work" includes:

47 (a) the supervised practice of mental health therapy by a clinical social worker by
48 observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect
49 modification of behavior by the application of generally recognized professional social work
50 principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating
51 mental or emotional illness or dysfunctions, the symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive
52 behavior;

53 (b) the supervised or independent and unsupervised application of generally recognized
54 professional social work principles and practices requiring the education, training, and
55 experience of a certified social worker; and

56 (c) supervision of the practice of a social service worker as the supervision is required
57 under this chapter and as further defined by division rule.

58 (4) "Practice as a social service worker":

59 (a) includes performance under supervision of a mental health therapist of professional
 60 services consistent with the education and training of a social service worker and the standards
 61 and ethics of the profession, including patient management activities;

62 (b) includes the supervised or unsupervised application of professional social work
 63 principles and practices and the practice of case management, which practices require only the
 64 education, training, and experience of a social service worker and are conducted in accordance
 65 with generally accepted standards and ethics of the profession; and

66 (c) does not include engaging in the practice of mental health therapy with an
 67 individual, family, group, or any other persons.

68 (5) "Program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" means a program
 69 that:

70 (a) was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education on the day on which the
 71 applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program; or

72 (b) was in candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education on the
 73 day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program ~~H→~~ [~~S→~~ and is
 73a subsequently approved ~~←S~~ ~~←H~~ .

74 [~~5~~] (6) "Supervision of a social service worker" means supervision conducted by an
 75 individual licensed as a mental health therapist under this title in accordance with division rules
 76 made in collaboration with the board.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for businesses or local governments. Individuals may benefit from this proposed change in statute.
