

1                                   **AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WORKER**

2   **LICENSING**

3   2010 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: D. Chris Buttars**

6   House Sponsor: Curtis Oda

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

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

13                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                   This bill:

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

19                   ▶ makes technical changes.

20                   **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

21                   None

22                   **Other Special Clauses:**

23                   None

24                   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25                   AMENDS:

26                   **58-60-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32

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

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

30 **58-60-202. Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 (a) includes performance under supervision of a mental health therapist of professional

58 services consistent with the education and training of a social service worker and the standards  
59 and ethics of the profession, including patient management activities;

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

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

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

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

70 (b) was in candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education on  
71 the day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program.

72 [~~5~~] (6) "Supervision of a social service worker" means supervision conducted by an  
73 individual licensed as a mental health therapist under this title in accordance with division  
74 rules made in collaboration with the board.