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HOUSE BILL NO. 326

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SUTHERLAND.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.600 and 337.604, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to social workers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 337.600 and 337.604, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.600 and 337.604, to read as follows:

337.600. As used in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Advanced macro social worker", the applications of social work theory, knowledge,
3 methods, principles, values, and ethics; and the professional use of self to community and
4 organizational systems, systemic and macrocosm issues, and other indirect nonclinical services;
5 specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in case management, information and
6 referral, nonclinical assessments, counseling, outcome evaluation, mediation, nonclinical
7 supervision, nonclinical consultation, expert testimony, education, outcome evaluation, research,
8 advocacy, social planning and policy development, community organization, and the
9 development, implementation and administration of policies, programs, and activities. A
10 licensed advanced macro social worker may not treat mental or emotional disorders or provide
11 psychotherapy without the direct supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, or diagnose a
12 mental disorder;

13 (2) "Clinical social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, values,
14 methods, principles, and techniques of case work, group work, client-centered advocacy,
15 **community organization**, administration, **planning, evaluation**, consultation, research,
16 psychotherapy and counseling methods and techniques to persons, families and groups in

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 assessment, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and amelioration of mental and emotional
18 conditions;

19 (3) "Committee", the state committee for social workers established in section 337.622;

20 (4) "Department", the Missouri department of insurance, financial institutions and
21 professional registration;

22 (5) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration;

23 (6) "Division", the division of professional registration;

24 (7) "Independent practice", any practice of social workers outside of an organized setting
25 such as a social, medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker assumes
26 responsibility and accountability for services required;

27 (8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any person who offers to render services
28 to individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities, government
29 agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the
30 person is trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro social worker, and who holds
31 a current valid license to practice as an advanced macro social worker;

32 (9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person who offers to render services to
33 individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general
34 public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and
35 licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as a
36 baccalaureate social worker;

37 (10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who offers to render services to
38 individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, government agencies, or the general
39 public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced, and
40 licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a current, valid license to practice as a clinical
41 social worker;

42 (11) "Licensed master social worker", any person who offers to render services to
43 individuals, groups, families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities, government
44 agencies, corporations, or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the
45 person is trained, experienced, and licensed as a master social worker, and who holds a current
46 valid license to practice as a master social worker. A licensed master social worker may not treat
47 mental or emotional disorders, provide psychotherapy without the direct supervision of a
48 licensed clinical social worker, or diagnose a mental disorder;

49 (12) "Master social work", the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods,
50 and ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or
51 biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,
52 communities, institutions, government agencies, or corporations. The practice includes the

53 applications of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment,
54 treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case management, mediation, information
55 and referral, counseling, client education, supervision, consultation, education, research,
56 advocacy, community organization and development, planning, evaluation, implementation and
57 administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as provided in this
58 section, the practice of master social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social
59 workers or advanced macro social workers;

60 (13) "Practice of advanced macro social work", rendering, offering to render, or
61 supervising those who render to individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,
62 institutions, corporations, government agencies, communities, or the general public any service
63 involving the application of methods, principles, and techniques of advanced practice macro
64 social work;

65 (14) "Practice of baccalaureate social work", rendering, offering to render, or supervising
66 those who render to individuals, families, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, or the
67 general public any service involving the application of methods, principles, and techniques of
68 baccalaureate social work;

69 (15) "Practice of clinical social work", rendering, offering to render, or supervising those
70 who render to individuals, couples, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, or the
71 general public any service involving the application of methods, principles, and techniques of
72 clinical social work;

73 (16) "Practice of master social work", rendering, offering to render, or supervising those
74 who render to individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations,
75 government agencies, communities, or the general public any service involving the application
76 of methods, principles, and techniques of master social work;

77 (17) "Provisional licensed clinical social worker", any person who is a graduate of an
78 accredited school of social work and meets all requirements of a licensed clinical social worker,
79 other than the supervised clinical social work experience prescribed by subdivision (2) of
80 subsection 1 of section 337.615, and who is supervised by a person who is qualified to practice
81 clinical social work, as defined by rule;

82 (18) "Qualified advanced macro supervisor", any licensed social worker who meets the
83 qualifications of a qualified clinical supervisor or a licensed advanced macro social worker who
84 has:

85 (a) Practiced in the field for which he or she is supervising the applicant for a minimum
86 uninterrupted period of five years;

87 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the
88 Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited

89 university, or a program approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations
90 providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined
91 by the state committee on social work; and

92 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689, and as defined by rule by
93 the state committee for social workers;

94 (19) "Qualified baccalaureate supervisor", any licensed social worker who meets the
95 qualifications of a qualified clinical supervisor, qualified master supervisor, qualified advanced
96 macro supervisor, or a licensed baccalaureate social worker who has:

97 (a) Practiced in the field for which he or she is supervising the applicant for a minimum
98 uninterrupted period of five years;

99 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the
100 Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited
101 university, or a program approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations
102 providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined
103 by the state committee on social workers; and

104 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689, and as defined by rule by
105 the state committee for social workers;

106 (20) "Qualified clinical supervisor", any licensed clinical social worker who has:

107 (a) Practiced in the field for which he or she is supervising the applicant uninterrupted
108 since August 28, 2004, or a minimum of five years;

109 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours of supervisory training from the
110 Association of Social Work Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an accredited
111 university, or a program approved by the state committee for social workers. All organizations
112 providing the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content and quality standards outlined
113 by the state committee on social work; and

114 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to 337.689, and as defined by rule by
115 the state committee for social workers;

116 (21) "Social worker", any individual that has:

117 (a) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from an accredited social
118 work program approved by the council on social work education;

119 (b) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

120 (c) A current social worker license as set forth in sections 337.600 to 337.689.

337.604. 1. No person shall hold himself or herself out to be a social worker unless such
2 person has:

3 (1) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from an accredited social
4 work program approved by the council on social work education;

5 (2) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

6 (3) A current social worker license as set forth in sections 337.600 to 337.689.

7 2. No government entities, public or private agencies or organizations in the state shall
8 use the title "social worker" or any form of the title, **including but not limited to the**
9 **abbreviations "SW", "BSW", "MSW", "DSW", "LBSW", "LBSW-IP", "LMSW",**
10 **"PLCSW", "LCSW", "CSW", "LAMSW", and "AMSW",** for volunteer or employment
11 positions or within contracts for services, documents, manuals, or reference material effective
12 January 1, 2004, unless the volunteers or employees in those positions meet the criteria set forth
13 in [subdivision (17) of section 337.600 or subsection 1 of this section] **this chapter.**

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