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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 217

May 14, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives T. LARSON, BERNIER, HEBL, BROSTOFF, JOHNSON, KAHL, KOLSTE, SUBECK and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senators LASSA and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** practice
2 requirement for licensure as a clinical social worker.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the social worker section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board must grant a license to an individual who, among other things, has engaged in the equivalent of at least 3,000 hours of clinical social work practice, including at least 1,000 hours of supervised face-to-face client contact. Under this bill, that 3,000 hours of clinical social work practice must also include the diagnosis and treatment of individuals based on the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, commonly referred to as the DSM.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.) Submits evidence satisfactory to the social worker section
5 that after receiving a master's or doctorate degree in social work he or she has
6 engaged in the equivalent of at least 3,000 hours of clinical social work practice,

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SECTION 1

1 including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact and including the
2 diagnosis and treatment of individuals based on the applicable edition of the
3 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, supervised by one of the
4 following:

5 (END)