

# State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 30

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## 2017 WISCONSIN ACT 357

AN ACT *to amend* 457.08 (1) (c), 457.08 (2) (c), 457.08 (3) (d), 457.08 (4) (d), 457.10 (4), 457.12 (4) and 457.16 (2); and *to create* 457.03 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** examinations for certification or licensure by the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

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

**SECTION 1.** 457.03 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

457.03 (1m) Upon the advice of the social worker section, marriage and family therapist section, and professional counselor section, and consistent with s. 457.16, promulgate rules establishing examination requirements for certification and licensure under this chapter.

**SECTION 2.** 457.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.08 (1) (c) Passes ~~an examination one or more examinations~~ approved by the social worker section to determine minimum competence to practice as a social worker as specified in the rules promulgated under s. 457.03 (2).

**SECTION 3.** 457.08 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.08 (2) (c) Passes ~~an examination one or more examinations~~ approved by the social worker section to determine minimum competence to practice as an advanced practice social worker as specified in the rules promulgated under s. 457.03 (2).

**SECTION 4.** 457.08 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.08 (3) (d) Passes ~~an examination one or more examinations~~ approved by the social worker section to determine minimum competence to practice as an independent social worker as specified in the rules promulgated under s. 457.03 (2), or passes the ~~academy of certified social workers~~ Academy of Certified Social Workers examination administered by the National Association of Social Workers, except that the examining board may require an individual who passes the Academy of Certified Social Workers examination to also pass an examination approved by the examining board that tests the individual's knowledge of state law relating to independent social work.

**SECTION 5.** 457.08 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.08 (4) (d) Passes ~~an examination one or more examinations~~ approved by the social worker section to determine minimum competence to practice as a clinical social worker.

**SECTION 6.** 457.10 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.10 (4) Passes ~~an examination one or more examinations~~ approved by the marriage and family therapist section to determine minimum competence to practice marriage and family therapy.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

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**SECTION 7.** 457.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.12 (4) Passes ~~an examination~~ one or more examinations approved by the professional counselor section to determine minimum competence to practice professional counseling.

**SECTION 8.** 457.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.16 (2) Examinations shall consist of written or

oral tests, or both, requiring applicants to demonstrate minimum competency in subjects substantially related to the practice of social work, advanced practice social work, independent social work, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling, as appropriate, and may include an examination that tests an applicant's knowledge of state law relating to the relevant practice.

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