



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 206

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1 **AN ACT to renumber** 457.01 (1); **to renumber and amend** 15.405 (7c) (a), 457.08
2 (4) (c), 457.10 (3), 457.12 (3) (a), 457.12 (3) (b), 457.14 and 457.22; **to amend**
3 15.08 (1m) (b), 15.405 (7c) (c), 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m), 60.23 (25), 66.0137 (4),
4 120.13 (2) (g), 146.81 (1) (hg), 180.1901 (1m) (f), 185.981 (4t), 185.983 (1) (intro.),
5 252.14 (1) (ar) 7., 440.03 (14) (b), 440.03 (14) (c), 440.03 (14) (d), 440.03 (14) (e),
6 440.03 (14) (f), 450.10 (3) (a) 10., 457.01 (2), 457.01 (3), 457.01 (7), 457.01 (9),
7 457.01 (10), 457.02 (1) to (5), 457.03 (1), (2) and (3), 457.04 (1) to (4), 457.04 (5),
8 457.04 (6), 457.06 (intro.) and (1), 457.08 (title), 457.08 (4) (intro.), 457.08 (4)
9 (d), 457.09 (2) (a), 457.09 (5) (a), 457.10 (intro.), 457.12 (intro.), 457.13 (2),
10 457.15 (title), 457.15 (1) (intro.), 457.15 (1) (a), 457.15 (1) (b), 457.15 (1) (c),
11 457.15 (1) (d), 457.15 (2), 457.15 (3), 457.16 (1), 457.16 (2), 457.16 (3), 457.20 (1)
12 and (2), 457.20 (3) (c), 457.20 (4), 457.25, 457.26 (2) (intro.), (a) and (b), 457.26
13 (2) (e), 457.26 (2) (g), 609.655 (3) (a), 632.87 (1), 905.04 (1) (bm), 905.04 (1) (dm)
14 and 905.04 (1) (g); **to repeal and recreate** 15.405 (7c) (title), chapter 457 (title)

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1 and 457.01 (8m); and **to create** 15.405 (7c) (am) (intro.), 15.405 (7c) (am) 3.,
2 111.91 (2) (pm), 440.01 (2) (cv), 440.03 (14) (am), 440.08 (2) (a) 67x., 457.01 (1c),
3 457.01 (1n), 457.01 (1r), 457.01 (1w), 457.01 (2g), 457.01 (2r), 457.01 (8e),
4 457.02 (6), 457.033, 457.035, 457.04 (7), 457.08 (4) (c) 1., 2., 3. and 4., 457.10 (3)
5 (a), (b), (c) and (d), 457.11, 457.12 (3) (a) 1., 2., 3. and 4., 457.12 (3) (b) 1., 2., 3.
6 and 4., 457.14 (1) (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), 457.22 (1) (b) and (c), 457.23, 457.24,
7 609.71, 632.87 (6) and 632.89 (1) (e) 4. of the statutes; **relating to:** regulation
8 of social workers, advanced practice social workers, independent social
9 workers, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional
10 counselors, and art, music, and dance therapists, insurance coverage for
11 services provided by clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists,
12 professional counselors, granting rule-making authority, and providing a
13 penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill does the following: 1) makes changes to the regulation of social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and art, music, and dance therapists; and 2) under certain circumstances, requires insurers and group health plans to cover services provided by clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors.

Regulation of social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors and art, music, and dance therapists

Under current law, the use of titles related to social work, marriage and family therapy, and professional counseling is restricted to persons who satisfy certain eligibility requirements and who are granted a certificate by the examining board of social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors (examining board). The examining board consists of a social worker section, a marriage and family therapist section, and a professional counselor section. With respect to social work, the examining board grants certificates for the following titles: "social worker," "advanced practice social worker," "independent social worker," and "independent clinical social worker." The examining board is required to promulgate rules that specify the services that a person who is granted one of the social work certificates is qualified to perform. Current law does not prohibit a person who has

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not been granted a certificate from practicing social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling.

This bill transforms the certification requirements under current law for independent clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors into licensing requirements. The bill also changes the title "independent clinical social worker" to "clinical social worker." The bill also changes the name of the examining board to the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board.

The bill prohibits, with certain exceptions, a person from practicing clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling unless he or she is licensed. The bill allows a person certified as an advanced practice or independent social worker to practice clinical social work, but only under the supervision of a clinical social worker licensed under the bill. In addition, the bill prohibits persons who are not licensed under the bill from practicing psychotherapy, except for the following: 1) persons certified as advanced practice and independent social workers who practice psychotherapy under the supervision of persons licensed under the bill; 2) persons who practice psychotherapy within the scope of practice of other state or federal licenses and; 3) mental health professionals employed by outpatient psychotherapy clinics certified by the department of health and family services (DHFS). The bill also allows the department of regulation and licensing (DORL) to promulgate rules that establish requirements that an art, music, or dance therapist must satisfy for a license to practice psychotherapy. Only an art, music, or dance therapist who is registered with DORL under current law may qualify for such a license. In addition, the requirements for such a license that are established in DORL's rules must be comparable to the requirements under the bill for a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor license.

The eligibility requirements for a license under the bill are the same as the requirements for a certificate under current law, except for the requirements under current law regarding supervised clinical experience. Under current law, an applicant for a clinical social worker or marriage or family therapist license must have two years of supervised clinical experience approved by the examining board. Under current law, an applicant for a professional counselor certificate who has a master's degree must also have two years of supervised clinical experience, but an applicant with a doctorate degree must have one year.

This bill requires 3,000 hours of supervised experience, not two years, for clinical social worker and marriage and family therapist license applicants and for professional counselor license applicants who have a master's degree. At least 1,000 of the 3,000 hours must consist of face-to-face client contact. The bill changes the one year required for professional counselor license applicants who have a doctorate degree to 1,000 hours, which must be satisfied during or after the doctorate degree program. In addition, for all license applicants, the bill requires that the experience must be supervised by one of the following: 1) a person with the same license who has a doctorate degree; 2) a person with the same license who has five years experience; 3) a psychiatrist or psychologist; or 4) a person who is approved by the

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appropriate section of the examining board or who satisfies requirements for supervision specified in rules promulgated by the examining board.

Under current law, no social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor certificate is required for a person to use any of the following titles: "pastoral counselor," "investment counselor," "vocational counselor," "career counselor," "alcohol and drug counselor," or "chemical dependency counselor." This bill does not require a person to be certified or licensed to use such a title or to engage in such counseling or to use the title "employee assistance counselor" or to engage in such counseling. Under current law, no certificate is required for a person who has been granted a school social worker or school counselor license by the department of public instruction to use the title "school social worker" or "school counselor." This bill does not require such a person to be certified or licensed to use such a title. The bill's licensing requirements also do not apply to a person who is: 1) lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration, or certification granted by this state or the federal government; or 2) licensed to practice clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling in another state or territory of the United States and who provides a consultation or demonstration with a person who has been granted a license.

The bill also makes other changes to the regulation of social work, marriage and family therapy, and professional counseling, including the following:

1. The bill requires a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor who treats an individual and determines that the individual requires additional treatment that is outside the licensee's scope of practice to refer the individual to a health care practitioner who is authorized to provide the additional treatment. Alternatively, the licensee may consult with such a health care practitioner. If the licensee does not refer or consult, the licensee may not continue to treat the individual.

2. The bill requires the examining board to jointly promulgate rules with the psychology examining board that specify the different levels of psychometric testing that may be performed by persons who are certified as social workers, independent social workers, or advanced practice social workers or who are licensed under the bill. The rules must be consistent with the guidelines of the American Psychological Association or other nationally recognized guidelines.

3. The bill creates a marriage and family therapist training certificate.

4. The bill allows the holder of a social worker training certificate to take the examination required for a regular certificate before or after satisfying the education and training requirements required for a regular certificate. Under current law, such a person must take the examination after satisfying the education and training requirements.

5. The bill allows a person to take the examination required for a social worker or advanced practice social worker certificate before he or she satisfies the education requirements for the certificate. Under current law, such a person may take the examination only after satisfying the education requirements.

6. The bill allows the examining board to issue temporary certificates and licenses to advanced practice, independent, and clinical social workers, marriage

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and family therapists, and professional counselors who have not yet taken the examination required for certification or licensure. Under current law, the examining board is allowed to issue temporary certificates only to social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors.

7. The bill requires a person certified or licensed in another jurisdiction who applies for a reciprocal certificate or license to take an examination on state law relating to practice under the type of certificate or license applied for.

8. The bill allows an applicant for a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor license to take the examination required for licensure before he or she satisfies the supervised clinical experience required for licensure. Under current law, the examination may be taken only after satisfying the supervised clinical experience requirements.

9. The bill requires a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor to have in effect professional liability insurance in an amount established by rule by the examining board.

Insurer and group health plan requirements

Current law prohibits an insurer from refusing to provide or pay for health care services provided by a licensed health care professional on the ground that the services were not provided by a physician, unless the insurance policy clearly excludes coverage of services provided by the health care professional. In addition, current law prohibits an insurer from excluding coverage of the services of certain specified health care professionals, such as chiropractors and dentists, if the insurance policy covers those same services, or services for the treatment of the same condition, when provided by a physician or another health care provider. The bill prohibits an insurer from excluding coverage of psychotherapy services provided by a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor, within the scope of his or her license, if the insurance policy, plan, or contract covers psychotherapy services provided by another health care provider.

Also under current law, a group health plan that provides coverage of any outpatient treatment is required to provide coverage for an insured under the plan of at least \$2,000, minus any applicable cost sharing, of outpatient services for the treatment of nervous or mental disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems. Outpatient services are defined as nonresidential services that are provided to an insured: 1) in an outpatient treatment facility or a physician's office by a licensed physician who has completed a residency in psychiatry; 2) by a licensed psychologist who is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or who is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology; or 3) by a program in an outpatient treatment facility approved by DHFS. The bill adds that outpatient services are also nonresidential services that are provided to an insured by a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor, thus requiring a group health plan to include nonresidential treatment of nervous or mental disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems by a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor within the \$2,000 minimum amount of coverage that the plan must provide for outpatient services for the treatment of those conditions.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 15.08 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 15.08 **(1m)** (b) The public members of the chiropractic examining board, the
3 dentistry examining board, the hearing and speech examining board, the medical
4 examining board, respiratory care practitioners examining council, and council on
5 physician assistants, the board of nursing, the nursing home administrator
6 examining board, the veterinary examining board, the optometry examining board,
7 the pharmacy examining board, the marriage and family therapy, professional
8 counseling, and social work examining board of ~~social workers, marriage and family~~
9 ~~therapists and professional counselors,~~ and the psychology examining board shall
10 not be engaged in any profession or occupation concerned with the delivery of
11 physical or mental health care.

12 **SECTION 2.** 15.405 (7c) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

13 15.405 **(7c)** (title) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND
14 SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD.

15 **SECTION 3.** 15.405 (7c) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 15.405 (7c) (a) (intro.)
16 and amended to read:

17 15.405 **(7c)** (a) (intro.) There is created an a marriage and family therapy,
18 professional counseling, and social work examining board of ~~social workers,~~
19 ~~marriage and family therapists and professional counselors~~ in the department of
20 regulation and licensing. ~~The~~ consisting of the following members of the examining
21 board shall be appointed for 4-year terms. ~~Four:~~

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1 1. ~~Four social worker members shall be who are certified or licensed under ch.~~
2 457 as social workers. ~~Three members shall be certified under ch. 457 as.~~

3 2. ~~Three marriage and family therapists. Three therapist members shall be~~
4 certified under ch. 457 as who are licensed under ch. 457.

5 3. ~~Three professional counselors. Three members shall be counselor members~~
6 who are licensed under ch. 457.

7 4. ~~Three public members. Of the 4 certified social worker members, one shall~~
8 be who represent groups that promote the interests of consumers of services provided
9 by persons who are certified or licensed under ch. 457.

10 (am) 1. One member who is certified under ch. 457 as an advanced practice
11 social worker, ~~one shall be.~~

12 2. One member who is certified under ch. 457 as an independent social worker,
13 ~~one shall be certified under ch. 457 as an independent clinical social worker and at.~~

14 4. ~~At least one shall be~~ member who is employed as a social worker by a federal,
15 state or local governmental agency.

16 **SECTION 4.** 15.405 (7c) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

17 15.405 (7c) (am) (intro.) The 4 members appointed under par. (a) 1. shall
18 consist of the following:

19 **SECTION 5.** 15.405 (7c) (am) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

20 15.405 (7c) (am) 3. One member who is licensed under ch. 457 as a clinical
21 social worker.

22 **SECTION 6.** 15.405 (7c) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 15.405 (7c) (c) All matters pertaining to granting, denying, limiting,
24 suspending, or revoking a certificate or license under ch. 457, and all other matters
25 of interest to either the social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional

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1 counselor section shall be acted upon solely by the interested section of the
2 examining board.

3 **SECTION 7.** 40.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6)
5 shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.746 (1) to (8)
6 and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.83, 632.835, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (3) to
7 ~~(5) (6)~~, 632.895 (5m) and (8) to (14), and 632.896.

8 **SECTION 8.** 40.51 (8m) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance
10 board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 631.95, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747,
11 632.748, 632.83, 632.835, 632.85, 632.87 (6), 632.853, 632.855, and 632.895 (11) to
12 (14).

13 **SECTION 9.** 60.23 (25) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 60.23 (25) SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLANS. Provide health care benefits to its
15 officers and employees on a self-insured basis if the self-insured plan complies with
16 ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2., 632.747 (3), 632.85,
17 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (4) ~~and~~, (5), and (6), 632.895 (9) and (11) to (14), and
18 632.896.

19 **SECTION 10.** 66.0137 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0137 (4) SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLANS. If a city, including a 1st class city, or
21 a village provides health care benefits under its home rule power, or if a town
22 provides health care benefits, to its officers and employees on a self-insured basis,
23 the self-insured plan shall comply with ss. 49.493 (3) (d), 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2),
24 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2., 632.747 (3), 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (4) ~~and~~,
25 (5), and (6), 632.895 (9) to (14), 632.896, and 767.25 (4m) (d).

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1 **SECTION 11.** 111.91 (2) (pm) of the statutes is created to read:

2 111.91 (2) (pm) The requirements related to coverage of psychotherapy services
3 under s. 632.87 (6).

4 **SECTION 12.** 120.13 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 120.13 (2) (g) Every self-insured plan under par. (b) shall comply with ss.
6 49.493 (3) (d), 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2., 632.747 (3),
7 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (4) ~~and~~, (5), and (6), 632.895 (9) to (14), 632.896, and
8 767.25 (4m) (d).

9 **SECTION 13.** 146.81 (1) (hg) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 146.81 (1) (hg) A social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional
11 counselor certified or licensed under ch. 457.

12 **SECTION 14.** 180.1901 (1m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 180.1901 (1m) (f) ~~Examining Marriage and family therapy, professional~~
14 counseling, and social work examining board of social workers, marriage and family
15 therapists and professional counselors under ch. 457.

16 **SECTION 15.** 185.981 (4t) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 185.981 (4t) A sickness care plan operated by a cooperative association is
18 subject to ss. 252.14, 631.17, 631.89, 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.85,
19 632.853, 632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) ~~and~~, (5), and (6), 632.895 (10) to (14), and
20 632.897 (10) and chs. 149 and 155.

21 **SECTION 16.** 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 185.983 (1) (intro.) Every such voluntary nonprofit sickness care plan shall be
23 exempt from chs. 600 to 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41,
24 601.42, 601.43, 601.44, 601.45, 611.67, 619.04, 628.34 (10), 631.17, 631.89, 631.93,
25 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.85, 632.853,

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1 632.855, 632.87 (2m), (3), (4) ~~and~~, (5), and (6), 632.895 (5) and (9) to (14), 632.896, and
2 632.897 (10) and chs. 609, 630, 635, 645, and 646, but the sponsoring association
3 shall:

4 **SECTION 17.** 252.14 (1) (ar) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 252.14 (1) (ar) 7. A social worker, marriage and family therapist, or
6 professional counselor certified or licensed under ch. 457.

7 **SECTION 18.** 440.01 (2) (cv) of the statutes is created to read:

8 440.01 (2) (cv) "Psychotherapy" has the meaning given in s. 457.01 (8m).

9 **SECTION 19.** 440.03 (14) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

10 440.03 (14) (am) The department may promulgate rules that establish
11 requirements for granting a license to practice psychotherapy to a person who is
12 registered under par. (a). Rules promulgated under this paragraph shall establish
13 requirements for obtaining such a license that are comparable to the requirements
14 for obtaining a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional
15 counselor license under ch. 457. If the department promulgates rules under this
16 paragraph, the department shall grant a license under this paragraph to a person
17 registered under par. (a) who pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1) and provides
18 evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she satisfies the requirements
19 established in the rules.

20 **SECTION 20.** 440.03 (14) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 440.03 (14) (b) A person who is registered under par. (a) shall notify the
22 department in writing within 30 days if an organization specified in par. (a) 1. a., 2.
23 a. or 3. a. revokes the person's certification, registration, or accreditation specified
24 in par. (a) 1. a., 2. a., or 3. a. The department shall revoke a certificate of registration
25 granted under par. (a) if such an organization revokes such a certification,

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1 registration, or accreditation. If the department revokes the certificate of
2 registration of a person who also holds a license granted under the rules promulgated
3 under par. (am), the department shall also revoke the license.

4 **SECTION 21.** 440.03 (14) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 440.03 (14) (c) The renewal dates for certificates granted under par. (a) and
6 licenses granted under par. (am) are specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a). Renewal
7 applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the
8 department and shall include the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) and
9 evidence satisfactory to the department that the person's certification, registration,
10 or accreditation specified in par. (a) 1. a., 2. a. or 3. a. has not been revoked.

11 **SECTION 22.** 440.03 (14) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 440.03 (14) (d) The department shall promulgate rules that specify the services
13 within the scope of practice of music, art, or dance therapy that a person who is
14 registered under par. (a) is qualified to perform. The rules may not allow a person
15 registered under par. (a) to perform psychotherapy unless the person is granted a
16 license under the rules promulgated under par. (am).

17 **SECTION 23.** 440.03 (14) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 440.03 (14) (e) Subject to the rules promulgated under sub. (1), the department
19 may make investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of
20 this subsection or any rule promulgated under par. (d) has occurred and may
21 reprimand a person who is registered under par. (a) or holds a license granted under
22 the rules promulgated under par. (am) or may deny, limit, suspend, or revoke a
23 certificate of registration granted under par. (a) or a license granted under the rules
24 promulgated under par. (am) if ~~it~~ the department finds that the applicant or

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1 certificate or license holder has violated this subsection or any rule promulgated
2 under par. (d).

3 **SECTION 24.** 440.03 (14) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 440.03 (14) (f) A person who is registered under par. (a) or holds a license
5 granted under the rules promulgated under par. (am) who violates this subsection
6 or any rule promulgated under par. (d) may be fined not more than \$200 or
7 imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

8 **SECTION 25.** 440.08 (2) (a) 67x. of the statutes is created to read:

9 440.08 (2) (a) 67x. Registered music, art, or dance therapist with
10 psychotherapy license: October 1 of each odd-numbered year; \$56.

11 **SECTION 26.** 450.10 (3) (a) 10. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 450.10 (3) (a) 10. A social worker, marriage and family therapist, or
13 professional counselor certified or licensed under ch. 457.

14 **SECTION 27.** Chapter 457 (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to
15 read:

CHAPTER 457

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY,

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING,

AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

20 **SECTION 28.** 457.01 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 457.01 (1g).

21 **SECTION 29.** 457.01 (1c) of the statutes is created to read:

22 457.01 (1c) "Advanced practice social worker" means an individual who holds
23 an advanced practice social worker certificate granted by the social worker section.

24 **SECTION 30.** 457.01 (1n) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 457.01 (1n) “Clinical social work” means providing services without
2 supervision for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental and emotional
3 disorders in individuals, families, and groups, to restore, maintain, and enhance
4 social functioning through treatment interventions that include psychosocial
5 evaluation, counseling of individuals, families, or groups, referral to community
6 resources, advocacy, facilitation of organizational change to meet social needs, and
7 individual, marital, or group psychotherapy.

8 **SECTION 31.** 457.01 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

9 457.01 (1r) “Clinical social worker” means an individual who holds a license
10 to practice clinical social work granted by the social worker section.

11 **SECTION 32.** 457.01 (1w) of the statutes is created to read:

12 457.01 (1w) “Credential” means a license or certificate granted under this
13 chapter.

14 **SECTION 33.** 457.01 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 457.01 (2) “Examining board” means the marriage and family therapy,
16 professional counseling, and social work examining board of ~~social workers,~~
17 ~~marriage and family therapists and professional counselors.~~

18 **SECTION 34.** 457.01 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

19 457.01 (2g) “Independent social worker” means an individual who holds an
20 independent social worker certificate granted by the social worker section.

21 **SECTION 35.** 457.01 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

22 457.01 (2r) “Licensee” means a person who is licensed under this chapter.

23 **SECTION 36.** 457.01 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 457.01 (3) "Marriage and family therapist" means an individual who ~~practices~~
2 holds a license to practice marriage and family therapy granted by the marriage and
3 family therapist section.

4 **SECTION 37.** 457.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 457.01 (7) "Professional counselor" means an individual who ~~practices~~ holds
6 a license to practice professional counseling granted by the professional counselor
7 section.

8 **SECTION 38.** 457.01 (8e) of the statutes is created to read:

9 457.01 (8e) "Psychiatrist" means a physician licensed under subch. II of ch. 448
10 who specializes in psychiatry.

11 **SECTION 39.** 457.01 (8m) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 457.01 (8m) "Psychotherapy" means the diagnosis and treatment of mental,
13 emotional, or behavioral disorders, conditions, or addictions through the application
14 of methods derived from established psychological or systemic principles for the
15 purpose of assisting people in modifying their behaviors, cognitions, emotions, and
16 other personal characteristics, which may include the purpose of understanding
17 unconscious processes or intrapersonal, interpersonal, or psychosocial dynamics.

18 **SECTION 40.** 457.01 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 457.01 (9) "Social work" means applying psychosocial, ~~psychotherapeutic~~ or
20 counseling principles, methods, or procedures in the assessment, evaluation, or
21 psychosocial ~~or psychotherapeutic~~ diagnosis, prevention, treatment, ~~or~~ resolution of
22 a difficulty in the social, psychological, personal, emotional, ~~or~~ mental ~~disorder~~
23 functioning of an individual, couple, family, group of individuals, ~~or~~ community,
24 including the enhancement or restoration of, or the creation of societal conditions
25 favorable to the enhancement or restoration of, the capacity of an individual, couple,

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1 family, group of individuals, or community for social functioning or the delivery of
2 services to a group of individuals or a community to assist the group or community
3 in providing or improving the provision of social or health services to others.

4 **SECTION 41.** 457.01 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 457.01 (10) "Social worker" means an individual who ~~practices~~ holds a social
6 work worker certificate granted by the social worker section.

7 **SECTION 42.** 457.02 (1) to (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

8 457.02 (1) Require any individual to be certified or licensed under this chapter
9 in order to use the title "pastoral counselor", "investment counselor", "vocational
10 counselor", "career counselor", "alcohol and drug counselor" ~~or~~, "chemical
11 dependency counselor", or "employee assistance counselor", or to engage in such
12 counseling, if the individual does not use any other title or designation that
13 represents or may tend to represent that he or she is certified or licensed under this
14 chapter, and does not represent himself or herself as an individual who engages in
15 social work, advanced practice social work, independent social work, clinical social
16 work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling.

17 (2) Require any individual who is licensed as a school social worker or school
18 counselor by the department of public instruction to be certified ~~as a social worker~~
19 ~~or professional counselor~~ or licensed under this chapter in order to use the title
20 "school social worker" or "school counselor".

21 (3) Require a person who is licensed as a psychologist under ch. 455 or who is
22 a psychiatrist, ~~as defined in s. 146.34 (1) (h), to be certified as a marriage and family~~
23 ~~therapist or professional counselor~~ licensed under this chapter in order to use the
24 title "marriage and family therapist", "marriage and family counselor", or
25 "professional counselor" if the psychologist or psychiatrist does not use the term

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1 “licensed”, “certified”, or “registered” or any similar term in connection with the title
2 “marriage and family therapist”, “marriage and family counselor”, or “professional
3 counselor”.

4 (4) Authorize any individual who is certified as a ~~social worker or professional~~
5 ~~counselor~~ or licensed under this chapter to use the title “school social worker” or
6 “school counselor” unless the individual is licensed as a school social worker or school
7 counselor by the department of public instruction.

8 (5) Authorize any individual who is certified or licensed under this chapter to
9 use the title “alcohol and drug counselor” or “chemical dependency counselor” unless
10 the individual is certified as an alcohol and drug counselor or as a chemical
11 dependency counselor through a process recognized by the department of health and
12 family services.

13 **SECTION 43.** 457.02 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

14 457.02 (6) Require a credential for a person to do any of the following:

15 (a) Lawfully practice within the scope of a license, permit, registration, or
16 certificate granted by this state or the federal government, including practicing
17 psychotherapy under such a license, permit, registration, or certificate.

18 (b) Practice psychotherapy, if the person satisfies one of the following:

19 1. The person is registered as music, art, or dance therapist under s. 440.03 (14)

20 (a) and the person holds a valid license granted by the department under s. 440.03
21 (14) (am).

22 2. The person is a mental health professional who meets all of the qualifications
23 under s. HFS 61.96, Wis. Adm. Code, for employment as a mental health professional
24 in an outpatient psychotherapy clinic certified by the department of health and
25 family services under s. HFS 61.95, Wis. Adm. Code, if the person’s practice of

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1 psychotherapy is a part of the duties for which he or she is employed by such a clinic
2 and the person practices psychotherapy solely within the confines of or under the
3 jurisdiction of the clinic.

4 (c) Provide a consultation or demonstration with an individual licensed under
5 this chapter if the person providing the consultation or demonstration is licensed to
6 practice marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, or clinical social work
7 in another state or territory of the United States.

8 **SECTION 44.** 457.03 (1), (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

9 457.03 (1) Upon the advice of the social worker section, marriage and family
10 therapist section, and professional counselor section, promulgate rules establishing
11 minimum standards for educational programs that must be completed for
12 certification or licensure under this chapter and for supervised clinical training that
13 must be completed for ~~certification as an independent~~ licensure as a clinical social
14 worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor under this chapter
15 and approve educational programs and supervised clinical training programs in
16 accordance with those standards.

17 (2) Upon the advice of the social worker section, marriage and family therapist
18 section, and professional counselor section, promulgate rules establishing a code of
19 ethics to govern the professional conduct of certificate holders. The rules shall
20 specify the services included within the practice of social work, advanced practice
21 social work, or independent social work that an individual who is certified under this
22 chapter as a social worker, advanced practice social worker, or independent social
23 worker ~~or independent clinical social worker is qualified to~~ may perform and the
24 degree of supervision, if any, required to perform those services. ~~The rules may not~~
25 ~~permit a certificate holder to engage in psychotherapy unless the individual is~~

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1 ~~certified under this chapter as an advanced practice social worker, independent~~
2 ~~social worker, independent clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or~~
3 ~~professional counselor and has engaged in the equivalent of at least 2 years of~~
4 ~~full-time supervised social work, marriage and family therapy or professional~~
5 ~~counseling clinical practice after receiving the master's or doctorate degree required~~
6 ~~under s. 457.08 (3) (b) or (4) (b), 457.10 (2) or 457.12 (2).~~

7 **(3)** Upon the advice of the social worker section, promulgate rules establishing
8 levels of advanced social work practice for individuals with master's or doctoral
9 degrees in social work, in addition to the levels of practice for which certificates are
10 granted under s. 457.08 (2) ~~to (4)~~ and (3), and establishing appropriate educational,
11 training, experience, examination, and continuing education requirements for
12 certification and renewal of a certificate at each level of practice established in rules
13 promulgated under this subsection.

14 **SECTION 45.** 457.033 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **457.033 Psychometric testing.** The examining board marriage and family
16 therapy, professional counseling, and social work and the psychology examining
17 board shall jointly promulgate rules that specify the different levels of psychometric
18 testing that an individual who is certified or licensed under this chapter is qualified
19 to perform. Such rules shall be consistent with the guidelines of the American
20 Psychological Association, or other nationally recognized guidelines, for performing
21 psychometric testing. A certificate holder or licensee may not engage in
22 psychometric testing except as provided under the rules promulgated under this
23 section.

24 **SECTION 46.** 457.035 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **457.035 Psychotherapy rules.** The examining board may not promulgate
2 rules under s. 457.03 that permit an individual to engage in psychotherapy unless
3 one of the following applies:

4 **(1)** The individual is licensed under this chapter as a clinical social worker,
5 marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor.

6 **(2)** The individual is certified as an advanced practice or independent social
7 worker and the individual engages in psychotherapy only under the supervision of
8 a clinical social worker who is licensed under this chapter.

9 **SECTION 47.** 457.04 (1) to (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

10 457.04 **(1)** Use Designate himself or herself as a social worker or use or assume
11 the title “social worker” or any other title or designation that represents or may tend
12 to represent the person as a social worker unless the person is certified as a social
13 worker under this chapter.

14 **(2)** Use Designate himself or herself as an advanced practice social worker or
15 use or assume the title “advanced practice social worker” or any other title or
16 designation that represents or may tend to represent the person as an advanced
17 practice social worker unless the person is certified as an advanced practice social
18 worker, ~~independent social worker or independent clinical social worker~~ under this
19 chapter.

20 **(3)** Use Designate himself or herself as an independent social worker or use or
21 assume the title “independent social worker” or any other title or designation that
22 represents or may tend to represent the person as an independent social worker
23 unless the person is certified as an independent social worker ~~or independent clinical~~
24 ~~social worker~~ under this chapter.

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1 (4) Use Practice clinical social work or designate himself or herself as a clinical
2 social worker or use or assume the title “independent clinical social worker” or
3 “clinical social worker” or any other title or designation that represents or may tend
4 to represent the person as a clinical social worker unless the person is certified
5 licensed as an independent a clinical social worker under this chapter or unless the
6 person is certified under this chapter as an advanced practice social worker or
7 independent social worker and the person practices clinical social work under the
8 supervision of a person who is licensed as a clinical social worker under this chapter.

9 **SECTION 48.** 457.04 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 457.04 (5) Use Practice marriage and family therapy or designate himself or
11 herself as a marriage and family therapist or use or assume the title “marriage and
12 family therapist”, “marriage and family counselor”, or any similar other title or
13 designation that represents or may tend to represent the person as a marriage and
14 family therapist unless any of the following applies:

15 (a) The person is certified licensed as a marriage and family therapist under
16 this chapter.

17 (b) The person is certified licensed as an ~~independent~~ a clinical social worker
18 under this chapter and initially became certified as an independent clinical social
19 worker under ~~this chapter~~ ch. 457, 1999 stats., on or before May 31, 1995.

20 **SECTION 49.** 457.04 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 457.04 (6) Use Practice professional counseling or designate himself or herself
22 as a professional counselor or use or assume the title “professional counselor”,
23 “professional rehabilitation counselor”, “vocational rehabilitation counselor” or,
24 “rehabilitation counselor”, or any similar other title or designation that represents

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1 or may tend to represent the person as a professional counselor unless the person is
2 certified licensed as a professional counselor under this chapter.

3 **SECTION 50.** 457.04 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

4 457.04 (7) Practice psychotherapy unless the person is licensed under this
5 chapter or unless the person is a certificate holder who may practice psychotherapy
6 under the rules promulgated under ss. 457.03 and 457.035.

7 **SECTION 51.** 457.06 (intro.) and (1) of the statutes are amended to read:

8 **457.06 General requirements for certification or licensure.** (intro.) The
9 social worker section, marriage and family therapist section, or professional
10 counselor section may not grant any certificate or license under this chapter unless
11 the applicant does all of the following:

12 (1) Submits an application for the certificate or license to the department on
13 a form provided by the department.

14 **SECTION 52.** 457.08 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 **457.08 (title) ~~Social worker certificate and advanced practice~~**
16 **~~certificates and licenses~~.**

17 **SECTION 53.** 457.08 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 457.08 (4) ~~INDEPENDENT CLINICAL~~ CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATE LICENSE.
19 (intro.) The social worker section shall grant ~~an independent~~ a clinical social worker
20 certifieate license to any individual who is certified under sub. (1) and does all of the
21 following:

22 **SECTION 54.** 457.08 (4) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.)
23 and amended to read:

24 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.) Submits evidence satisfactory to the social worker section
25 that after receiving a master's or doctorate degree in social work he or she has

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1 engaged in the equivalent of at least ~~2 years of full-time supervised~~ 3,000 hours of
2 clinical social work practice ~~approved by the social worker section,~~ including at least
3 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact, supervised by one of the following:

4 **SECTION 55.** 457.08 (4) (c) 1., 2., 3. and 4. of the statutes are created to read:

5 457.08 (4) (c) 1. An individual licensed as a clinical social worker who has
6 received a doctorate degree in social work.

7 2. An individual licensed as a clinical social worker who has engaged in the
8 equivalent of 5 years of full-time clinical social work.

9 3. A psychiatrist or a psychologist licensed under ch. 455.

10 4. An individual, other than an individual specified in subd. 1., 2., or 3., who
11 is approved by the social worker section or satisfies requirements for supervision
12 that are specified in rules promulgated by the examining board upon the advice of
13 the social worker section.

14 **SECTION 56.** 457.08 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 457.08 (4) (d) Passes an examination approved by the social worker section to
16 determine minimum competence to practice as ~~an independent~~ a clinical social
17 worker ~~as specified in the rules promulgated under s. 457.03 (2) or passes an~~
18 ~~advanced clinical social work examination approved by the social worker section.~~

19 **SECTION 57.** 457.09 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 457.09 (2) (a) ~~A~~ Notwithstanding s. 457.04 (1), a social worker training
21 certificate authorizes the holder to use the title specified in s. 457.04 (1) during the
22 period in which the certificate is valid.

23 **SECTION 58.** 457.09 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 457.09 (5) (a) A social worker training certificate holder may take the national
2 social work examination at any time before or after he or she completes the
3 requirements under sub. (4).

4 **SECTION 59.** 457.10 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **457.10 Marriage and family therapist ~~certificate~~ license.** (intro.) The
6 marriage and family therapist section shall grant a marriage and family therapist
7 ~~certificate~~ license to any individual who does all of the following:

8 **SECTION 60.** 457.10 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 457.10 (3) (intro.) and
9 amended to read:

10 457.10 (3) (intro.) Submits evidence satisfactory to the marriage and family
11 therapist section that after receiving a master's or doctorate degree required under
12 sub. (2) he or she has engaged in the equivalent of at least ~~2-years of full-time~~
13 ~~supervised~~ 3,000 hours of clinical marriage and family therapy practice approved by
14 ~~the marriage and family therapist section., including at least 1,000 hours of~~
15 face-to-face client contact, supervised by one of the following:

16 **SECTION 61.** 457.10 (3) (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

17 457.10 (3) (a) An individual licensed as a marriage and family therapist who
18 has received a doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy.

19 (b) An individual licensed as a marriage and family therapist who has engaged
20 in the equivalent of 5 years of full-time marriage and family therapy practice.

21 (c) A psychiatrist or a psychologist licensed under ch. 455.

22 (d) An individual, other than an individual specified in par. (a), (b), or (c), who
23 is approved by the marriage and family therapist section or satisfies requirements
24 for supervision that are specified in rules promulgated by the examining board upon
25 the advice of the marriage and family therapist section.

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1 **SECTION 62.** 457.11 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **457.11 Marriage and family therapist training certificate.** (1) The
3 marriage and family therapist section shall grant a marriage and family therapist
4 training certificate to any individual who does all of the following:

5 (a) Submits an application for the certificate to the department on a form
6 provided by the department.

7 (b) Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (6).

8 (c) Satisfies the requirements in s. 457.10 (2).

9 (d) Submits evidence satisfactory to the marriage and family therapist section
10 that he or she is employed full-time, or has an offer of full-time employment, as a
11 marriage and family therapist in a supervised marriage and family therapist
12 practice or in a position in which the applicant will, in the opinion of the marriage
13 and family therapist section, receive training and supervision equivalent to the
14 training and supervision received in a full-time supervised marriage and family
15 therapist practice.

16 (2) A marriage and family therapist training certificate is valid for 24 months
17 or until the date on which the holder of the certificate ceases to be employed in a
18 position specified in sub. (1) (d), whichever occurs first, and may not be renewed by
19 the marriage and family therapist section. A marriage and family therapist training
20 certificate authorizes the holder to use any title specified in s. 457.04 (5) and to
21 practice marriage and family therapy within the scope of his or her training or
22 supervision during the period in which the certificate is valid.

23 **SECTION 63.** 457.12 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 **457.12 Professional counselor ~~eertificate~~ license.** (intro.) The
2 professional counselor section shall grant a professional counselor ~~eertificate~~ license
3 to any individual who does all of the following:

4 **SECTION 64.** 457.12 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 457.12 (3) (a) (intro.)
5 and amended to read:

6 457.12 (3) (a) (intro.) After receiving a master's degree in professional
7 counseling or its equivalent, engaged in the equivalent of at least 2 years of full-time
8 supervised 3,000 hours of clinical professional counseling practice approved by the
9 professional counselor section, including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client
10 contact, supervised by one of the following:

11 **SECTION 65.** 457.12 (3) (a) 1., 2., 3. and 4. of the statutes are created to read:

12 457.12 (3) (a) 1. An individual licensed as a professional counselor who has
13 received a doctorate degree in professional counseling.

14 2. An individual licensed as a professional counselor who has engaged in the
15 equivalent of 5 years of full-time professional counseling practice.

16 3. A psychiatrist or a psychologist licensed under ch. 455.

17 4. An individual, other than an individual specified in subd. 1., 2., or 3., who
18 is approved by the professional counselor section or satisfies requirements for
19 supervision that are specified in rules promulgated by the examining board upon the
20 advice of the professional counselor section.

21 **SECTION 66.** 457.12 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 457.12 (3) (b) (intro.)
22 and amended to read:

23 457.12 (3) (b) (intro.) ~~After receiving~~ Received a doctorate degree in
24 professional counseling or its equivalent, and, either during or after the doctorate
25 degree program or its equivalent, engaged in the equivalent of at least ~~one year~~

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1 \$1,000 hours of full-time supervised clinical professional counseling practice
2 approved by the professional counselor section. supervised by one of the following:

3 **SECTION 67.** 457.12 (3) (b) 1., 2., 3. and 4. of the statutes are created to read:

4 457.12 (3) (b) 1. An individual licensed as a professional counselor who has
5 received a doctorate degree in professional counseling.

6 2. An individual licensed as a professional counselor who has engaged in the
7 equivalent of 5 years of full-time clinical professional counseling practice.

8 3. A psychiatrist or a psychologist licensed under ch. 455.

9 4. An individual, other than an individual specified in subd. 1., 2., or 3., who
10 is approved by the professional counselor section or satisfies requirements for
11 supervision that are specified in rules promulgated by the examining board upon the
12 advice of the professional counselor section

13 **SECTION 68.** 457.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 457.13 (2) A professional counselor training certificate is valid for 24 months
15 or until the date on which the holder of the certificate ceases to be employed in a
16 position specified in sub. (1) (d), whichever occurs first, and may not be renewed by
17 the professional counselor section. ~~A Notwithstanding s. 457.04 (6), a professional~~
18 ~~counselor training certificate authorizes the holder to use any title specified in s.~~
19 ~~457.04 (6) and to practice professional counseling within the scope of his or her~~
20 ~~training or supervision during the period in which the certificate is valid.~~

21 **SECTION 69.** 457.14 of the statutes is renumbered 457.14 (1) (intro.) and
22 amended to read:

23 457.14 **Temporary certificates.** (1) (intro.) Upon application and payment
24 of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (6), the appropriate section of the examining board
25 may grant a temporary social worker, advanced practice social worker, independent

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1 social worker, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional
2 counselor certificate or license to any individual who satisfies does one of the
3 following:

4 (a) Satisfies the requirements under s. 457.08 (1) (a) and (b), ~~457.10 (1) to (3)~~
5 ~~or 457.12 (1) to (3)~~ and has submitted an application to take the next available
6 examination for certification under s. 457.08 (1) (c), ~~457.10 (4) or 457.12 (4)~~.

7 (2) A temporary certificate granted under ~~this section~~ sub. (1) is valid for a
8 period designated by the appropriate section of the examining board, not to exceed
9 9 months, and may be renewed once by that section of the examining board.

10 **SECTION 70.** 457.14 (1) (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the statutes are created to read:

11 457.14 (1) (b) Satisfies the requirements under s. 457.08 (2) (a) and (b) and has
12 submitted an application to take the next available examination for certification
13 under s. 457.08 (2) (c).

14 (c) Satisfies the requirements under s. 457.08 (3) (a) to (c) and has submitted
15 an application to take the next available examination for certification under s.
16 457.08 (3) (d).

17 (d) Satisfies the requirements under s. 457.08 (4) (a) to (c) and has submitted
18 an application to take the next available examination for licensure under s. 457.08
19 (4) (d).

20 (e) Satisfies the requirements under s. 457.10 (1) to (3) and has submitted an
21 application to take the next available examination for licensure under s. 457.10 (4).

22 (f) Satisfies the requirements under s. 457.12 (1) to (3) and has submitted an
23 application to take the next available examination for licensure under s. 457.12 (4).

24 **SECTION 71.** 457.15 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

25 **457.15 (title) Reciprocal certificates and licenses.**

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1 **SECTION 72.** 457.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 457.15 (1) (intro.) Upon application and payment of the fee specified in s.
3 440.05 (2), the social worker section ~~shall~~ may do all of the following:

4 **SECTION 73.** 457.15 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 457.15 (1) (a) Grant a social worker certificate to any individual who holds a
6 similar certificate in another state or territory of the United States and who passes
7 an examination approved by the social worker section that tests knowledge of state
8 law relating to social work, if the social worker section determines that the
9 requirements for obtaining the certificate in the other state or territory are
10 substantially equivalent to the requirements under s. 457.08 (1).

11 **SECTION 74.** 457.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 457.15 (1) (b) Grant an advanced practice social worker certificate to any
13 individual who is ~~certified under par. (a) or under s. 457.08 (1) and who holds a~~
14 similar certificate in another state or territory of the United States and who passes
15 an examination approved by the social worker section that tests knowledge of state
16 law relating to advanced practice social work, if the social worker section determines
17 that the requirements for obtaining the certificate in the other state or territory are
18 substantially equivalent to the requirements under s. 457.08 (2).

19 **SECTION 75.** 457.15 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 457.15 (1) (c) Grant an independent social worker certificate to any individual
21 who is ~~certified under par. (a) or under s. 457.08 (1) and who holds a similar~~
22 certificate in another state or territory of the United States and who passes an
23 examination approved by the social worker section that tests knowledge of state law
24 relating to independent social work, if the social worker section determines that the

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1 requirements for obtaining the certificate in the other state or territory are
2 substantially equivalent to the requirements under s. 457.08 (3).

3 **SECTION 76.** 457.15 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 457.15 (1) (d) Grant ~~an independent a~~ a clinical social worker certificate license
5 to any individual who is ~~certified under par. (a) or under s. 457.08 (1) and who holds~~
6 a similar certificate or license in another state or territory of the United States and
7 who passes an examination approved by the social worker section that tests
8 knowledge of state law relating to clinical social work, if the social worker section
9 determines that the requirements for obtaining the certificate or license in the other
10 state or territory are substantially equivalent to the requirements under s. 457.08
11 (4).

12 **SECTION 77.** 457.15 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 457.15 (2) Upon application and payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2),
14 the marriage and family therapist section shall may grant a marriage and family
15 therapist certificate license to any individual who holds a similar certificate or
16 license in another state or territory of the United States and who passes an
17 examination approved by the marriage and family therapist section that tests
18 knowledge of state law relating to marriage and family therapy, if the marriage and
19 family therapist section determines that the requirements for obtaining the
20 certificate or license in the other state or territory are substantially equivalent to the
21 requirements under s. 457.10.

22 **SECTION 78.** 457.15 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 457.15 (3) Upon application and payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2),
24 the professional counselor section shall may grant a professional counselor
25 certificate license to any individual who holds a similar certificate or license in

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1 another state or territory of the United States and who passes an examination
2 approved by the professional counselor section that tests knowledge of state law
3 relating to professional counseling, if the professional counselor section determines
4 that the requirements for obtaining the certificate or license in the other state or
5 territory are substantially equivalent to the requirements under s. 457.12.

6 **SECTION 79.** 457.16 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 457.16 (1) The appropriate section of the examining board shall arrange for
8 examinations for social worker, advanced practice social worker, independent social
9 worker, ~~independent~~ clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, and
10 professional counselor certification and licensure to be conducted at least
11 semiannually and at times and places determined by that section of the examining
12 board, and shall provide public notice of each examination at least 90 days before the
13 date of the examination.

14 **SECTION 80.** 457.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 457.16 (2) Examinations shall consist of written or oral tests, or both, requiring
16 applicants to demonstrate minimum competency in subjects substantially related to
17 the practice of social work, advanced practice social work, independent social work,
18 clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling, as
19 appropriate.

20 **SECTION 81.** 457.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 457.16 (3) An individual is not eligible for examination unless he or she
22 satisfies the requirements for certification or licensure under s. 457.08 (1) (a) ~~and (b)~~,
23 (2) (intro.), and (a) ~~and (b)~~, (3) (intro.) and (a) to (c) or (4) (intro.) ~~and~~, (a) ~~to (e)~~, and
24 (b), 457.10 (1) ~~to (3)~~ and (2), or 457.12 (1) ~~to (3)~~ and (2) and, at least 30 days before
25 the date of the examination, submits an application for examination to the

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1 department on a form provided by the department and pays the fee specified in s.
2 440.05 (1).

3 **SECTION 82.** 457.20 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

4 457.20 (1) The department shall issue a certificate of certification or licensure
5 to each individual who is certified or licensed under this chapter.

6 (2) The renewal dates for certificates and licenses granted under this chapter,
7 other than ~~certificates granted under ss. 457.13 and 457.14~~ training certificates or
8 temporary certificates or licenses, are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a).

9 **SECTION 83.** 457.20 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 457.20 (3) (c) If the application is for renewal of a professional counselor
11 ~~certificae~~ license that was originally granted as a professional counselor certificate
12 under 1991 Wisconsin Act 160, section 21 (2) (g), evidence satisfactory to the
13 professional counselor section that the applicant continues to be employed by a
14 federal, state, or local governmental agency as a professional counselor, professional
15 rehabilitation counselor, vocational rehabilitation counselor, or rehabilitation
16 counselor.

17 **SECTION 84.** 457.20 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 457.20 (4) Renewal of an advanced practice social worker, independent social
19 worker, or ~~independent~~ clinical social worker certificate or license automatically
20 renews the individual's social worker certificate without payment of the renewal fee
21 for the social worker certificate or completion of the continuing education
22 requirements that would otherwise be required for renewal of a social worker
23 certificate.

24 **SECTION 85.** 457.22 of the statutes is renumbered 457.22 (1) (intro.) and
25 amended to read:

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1 457.22 (1) (intro.) The examining board may ~~promulgate~~ do any of the
2 following:

3 (a) Upon the advice of the social worker section, promulgate rules establishing
4 requirements and procedures for ~~certificate holders~~ social workers, advanced
5 practice social workers, independent social workers, and clinical social workers to
6 complete continuing education programs or courses of study in order to qualify for
7 renewal.

8 (2) The rules promulgated under sub. (1) may not require an individual to
9 complete more than 30 hours of continuing education programs or courses of study
10 in order to qualify for renewal. The appropriate section of the examining board may
11 waive all or part of the requirements established in rules promulgated under this
12 section if it determines that prolonged illness, disability, or other exceptional
13 circumstances have prevented the individual from completing the requirements.

14 **SECTION 86.** 457.22 (1) (b) and (c) of the statutes are created to read:

15 457.22 (1) (b) Upon the advice of the marriage and family therapist section,
16 promulgate rules establishing requirements and procedures for marriage and family
17 therapists to complete continuing education programs or courses of study in order
18 to qualify for renewal.

19 (c) Upon the advice of the professional counselor section, promulgate rules
20 establishing requirements and procedures for professional counselors to complete
21 continuing education programs or courses of study in order to qualify for renewal.

22 **SECTION 87.** 457.23 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **457.23 Duty to consult or refer.** A clinical social worker, marriage and
24 family therapist, or professional counselor who treats an individual and who
25 determines that the individual requires additional treatment that is outside the

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1 scope of practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional
2 counseling, may continue to treat the individual only if the clinical social worker,
3 marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor consults with, or refers the
4 individual to, a health care practitioner who is authorized to provide the additional
5 treatment.

6 **SECTION 88.** 457.24 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **457.24 Professional liability insurance.** A person licensed as a clinical
8 social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor under this
9 chapter may not practice clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or
10 professional counseling unless he or she has in effect professional liability insurance.
11 The examining board shall promulgate rules establishing the minimum amount of
12 insurance required under this section.

13 **SECTION 89.** 457.25 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **457.25 Reporting requirements. (1)** Any public or private mental health
15 or health care agency, institution or facility, or any other person or entity that
16 employs or contracts for services with a ~~certificate~~ credential holder, that terminates,
17 suspends, or restricts the employment or contract of the ~~certificate~~ credential holder
18 as a result of adverse or disciplinary action against the ~~certificate~~ credential holder
19 relating to his or her practice of social work, advanced practice social work,
20 independent social work, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or
21 professional counseling shall submit a written report of the action to the appropriate
22 section of the examining board within 30 days after the date on which the action is
23 taken or, if grounds for such an action exist and the ~~certificate~~ credential holder
24 terminates his or her employment before the action is taken, within 30 days after the
25 date on which the ~~certificate~~ credential holder terminates his or her employment.

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1 (2) Any state or local professional society or organization of social workers,
2 marriage and family therapists, or professional counselors that terminates, revokes,
3 or suspends the membership of a ~~certificate~~ credential holder, or takes any other
4 adverse or disciplinary action against a ~~certificate~~ credential holder relating to his
5 or her practice of social work, advanced practice social work, independent social
6 work, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling,
7 shall submit a written report of the action to the appropriate section of the examining
8 board within 30 days after the date on which the action is taken or, if grounds for such
9 an action exist and the ~~certificate~~ credential holder terminates his or her
10 membership before the action is taken, within 30 days after the date on which the
11 ~~certificate~~ credential holder terminates his or her membership.

12 (3) Any insurer, as defined in s. 600.03 (27), who provides professional liability
13 insurance coverage for a ~~certificate~~ credential holder and who pays a claim for
14 damages arising out of the rendering of services by the ~~certificate~~ credential holder
15 or obtains any information that tends to substantiate a charge that the ~~certificate~~
16 credential holder has engaged in conduct that constitutes grounds for discipline
17 under s. 457.26 shall submit a written report of the payment or information to the
18 appropriate section of the examining board within 30 days after the date on which
19 the payment is made or information is obtained.

20 (4) Any circuit court that appoints a guardian of the person or estate of a
21 ~~certificate~~ credential holder or makes a judgment or other determination that a
22 ~~certificate~~ credential holder is mentally ill or mentally incompetent or that a
23 ~~certificate~~ credential holder has done any of the acts enumerated in s. 457.26 (2) shall
24 submit a written report of the appointment, judgment, or determination to the

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1 appropriate section of the examining board within 30 days after the date on which
2 the appointment, judgment, or determination is made.

3 (5) (a) Within 30 days after receipt of a report under sub. (1), (2), (3), or (4), the
4 appropriate section of the examining board shall notify the ~~certificate~~ credential
5 holder, in writing, of the substance of the report. The ~~certificate~~ credential holder
6 and the ~~certificate holder's~~ his or her authorized representative may examine the
7 report and may place into the record a statement, of reasonable length, of the
8 ~~certificate~~ credential holder's view of the correctness or relevance of any information
9 in the report. The ~~certificate~~ credential holder may institute an action in circuit court
10 to amend or expunge any part of the ~~certificate holder's~~ his or her record related to
11 the report.

12 (b) If the appropriate section of the examining board determines that a report
13 submitted under sub. (1), (2), (3), or (4) is without merit or that the ~~certificate~~
14 credential holder has sufficiently improved his or her conduct, that section of the
15 examining board shall remove the report from the ~~certificate holder's~~ his or her
16 record. If no report about a ~~certificate~~ credential holder is filed under sub. (1), (2),
17 (3), or (4) for 2 consecutive years, the ~~certificate~~ credential holder may petition the
18 appropriate section of the examining board to remove any prior reports, which did
19 not result in disciplinary action, from his or her record.

20 **SECTION 90.** 457.26 (2) (intro.), (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

21 457.26 (2) (intro.) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the
22 appropriate section of the examining board may reprimand a ~~certificate~~ credential
23 holder or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke a ~~certificate~~ credential under this chapter
24 if it finds that the applicant ~~or certificate~~ credential holder has done any of the
25 following:

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1 (a) Made a material misstatement in an application for a ~~certificate~~ credential
2 or for renewal of a ~~certificate~~ credential.

3 (b) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, been convicted of an offense the
4 circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of social work, advanced
5 practice social work, independent social work, clinical social work, marriage and
6 family therapy, or professional counseling.

7 **SECTION 91.** 457.26 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 457.26 (2) (e) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.34, practiced social work,
9 advanced practice social work, independent social work, clinical social work,
10 marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling while his or her ability to
11 practice was impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

12 **SECTION 92.** 457.26 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 457.26 (2) (g) Performed social work, advanced practice social work, or
14 independent social work services in violation of the rules promulgated under s.
15 457.03 (2) or otherwise engaged in conduct while practicing social work, advanced
16 practice social work, independent social work, clinical social work, marriage and
17 family therapy, or professional counseling which evidences a lack of knowledge or
18 ability to apply professional principles or skills.

19 **SECTION 93.** 609.655 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 609.655 (3) (a) A clinical assessment of the dependent student's nervous or
21 mental disorders or alcoholism or other drug abuse problems, conducted by a
22 provider described in s. 632.89 (1) (e) 2. ~~or~~ 3., or 4. who is located in this state and
23 in reasonably close proximity to the school in which the dependent student is
24 enrolled and who may be designated by the managed care plan.

25 **SECTION 94.** 609.71 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **609.71 Coverage of psychotherapy providers.** Managed care plans are
2 subject to s. 632.87 (6).

3 **SECTION 95.** 632.87 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 632.87 (1) No insurer may refuse to provide or pay for benefits for health care
5 services provided by a licensed health care professional on the ground that the
6 services were not rendered by a physician as defined in s. 990.01 (28), unless the
7 contract clearly excludes services by such practitioners, but no contract or plan may
8 exclude services in violation of sub. (2), (2m), (3), (4) ~~or~~ (5), or (6).

9 **SECTION 96.** 632.87 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

10 632.87 (6) (a) In this subsection, “psychotherapy” has the meaning given in s.
11 457.01 (8m).

12 (b) No policy, plan, or contract that covers psychotherapy services may exclude
13 or refuse to provide coverage for psychotherapy services performed by a clinical
14 social worker licensed under ch. 457, a marriage and family therapist licensed under
15 ch. 457, or a professional counselor licensed under ch. 457, within the scope of the
16 clinical social worker’s, marriage and family therapist’s, or professional counselor’s
17 professional license, if the policy, plan, or contract includes coverage for
18 psychotherapy services performed by another health care provider, as defined in s.
19 146.81 (1).

20 **SECTION 97.** 632.89 (1) (e) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

21 632.89 (1) (e) 4. A clinical social worker who is licensed under ch. 457, a
22 marriage and family therapist who is licensed under ch. 457, or a professional
23 counselor who is licensed under ch. 457.

24 **SECTION 98.** 905.04 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 905.04 (1) (bm) "Marriage and family therapist" means an individual who is
2 certified licensed as a marriage and family therapist under ch. 457 or an individual
3 reasonably believed by the patient to be a marriage and family therapist.

4 **SECTION 99.** 905.04 (1) (dm) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 905.04 (1) (dm) "Professional counselor" means an individual who is certified
6 licensed as a professional counselor under ch. 457 or an individual reasonably
7 believed by the patient to be a professional counselor.

8 **SECTION 100.** 905.04 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 905.04 (1) (g) "Social worker" means an individual who is certified or licensed
10 as a social worker, advanced practice social worker, independent social worker, or
11 clinical social worker under ch. 457 or an individual reasonably believed by the
12 patient to be a social worker, advanced practice social worker, independent social
13 worker, or clinical social worker.

14 **SECTION 101. Nonstatutory provisions.**

15 (1) DEFINITIONS. In this SECTION:

16 (a) "Department" means the department of regulation and licensing.

17 (b) "Examining board" means the marriage and family therapy, professional
18 counseling, and social work examining board.

19 (2) EXAMINING BOARD MEMBERSHIP. Notwithstanding section 15.405 (7c) (a) and
20 (am) of the statutes, as affected by this act, a member of the examining board who
21 was appointed on or before the effective date of this subsection may continue to serve
22 as a member of the examining board until the end of his or her appointed term, except
23 for a member whose appointed term expires on or before January 1, 2002.

24 (3) TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.

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1 (a) *Duties of examining board sections.* Notwithstanding sections 457.08 (4)
2 (intro.), (c) (intro.), 1., 2., 3., and 4. and (d), 457.10 (intro.) and (3) (intro.), (a), (b), (c),
3 and (d), 457.12 (intro.) and (3) (a) (intro.), 1., 2., 3., and 4. and (b) (intro.), 1., 2., 3.,
4 and 4., 457.14 (1), and 457.15 (1) (intro.), (a), (b), (c), and (d), (2), and (3) of the
5 statutes, as affected by this act, on the effective date of this paragraph:

6 1. The social worker section of the examining board shall grant a clinical social
7 worker license under section 457.08 (4) of the statutes, as affected by this act, to any
8 person who holds a valid independent clinical social worker certificate that was
9 granted by the social worker section of the examining board before the effective date
10 of this subdivision.

11 2. The marriage and family therapist section of the examining board shall
12 grant a marriage and family therapist license under section 457.10 of the statutes,
13 as affected by this act, to any person who holds a valid marriage and family therapist
14 certificate that was granted by the marriage and family therapy section of the
15 examining board before the effective date of this subdivision.

16 3. The professional counselor section of the examining board shall grant a
17 professional counselor license under section 457.12 of the statutes, as affected by this
18 act, to any person who holds a valid professional counselor certificate that was
19 granted by the professional counselor section of the examining board before the
20 effective date of this subdivision.

21 4. The appropriate section of the examining board shall grant a temporary
22 social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor license under
23 section 457.14 (1) of the statutes, as affected by this act, to any person who holds a
24 valid temporary social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional
25 counselor certificate that was granted by that section of the examining board before

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1 the effective date of this subdivision. A temporary license granted pursuant to this
2 subdivision is valid only for the period of time designated by the section of the
3 examining board for the temporary certificate granted to the person. If the
4 temporary certificate was renewed once by the section, the temporary license may
5 not be renewed.

6 (b) *Duty of department.* The department shall issue a certificate of licensure
7 under section 457.20 (1) of the statutes, as affected by this act, to any person who is
8 granted a license under paragraph (a).

9 **SECTION 102. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) INSURANCE COVERAGE OF SERVICES. The treatment of sections 40.51 (8) and
11 (8m), 60.23 (25), 66.0137 (4), 111.91 (2) (pm), 120.13 (2) (g), 185.981 (4t), 185.983 (1)
12 (intro.), 609.655 (3) (a), 609.71, 632.87 (1) and (6), and 632.89 (1) (e) 4. of the statutes
13 first applies to all of the following:

14 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), insurance policies, plans, or
15 contracts that are issued or renewed, and self-insured health plans that are
16 established, extended, modified, or renewed, on the effective date of this paragraph.

17 (b) Insurance policies, plans, or contracts covering employees who are affected
18 by a collective bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act
19 that are issued or renewed on the earlier of the following:

20 1. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement expires.

21 2. The day on which the collective bargaining agreement is extended, modified,
22 or renewed.

23 (c) Self-insured health plans covering employees who are affected by a
24 collective bargaining agreement containing provisions inconsistent with this act
25 that are established, extended, modified, or renewed on the earlier of the following:

