

Assembly

Preliminary
Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Consumer Affairs

Assembly Bill 517

Relating to: the regulation of social workers, advanced practice social workers, independent social workers, independent clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors.

By Representatives Urban, Notestein, Johnsrud, Hasenohrl, Ott, Wasserman, Duff, Gronemus, Meyer, Seratti, Plale, Hoven, Plouff, Goetsch, Springer, Albers, Kelso and Hanson; cosponsored by Senators Grobschmidt, Farrow, Risser, C. Potter, Huelsman, Wirch and Breske.

September 16, 1997 Referred to committee on Consumer Affairs.

October 23, 1997 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Representatives Otte, Johnsrud, Ott, M.
Lehman, Urban, Williams and Black.

Absent: (1) Representative Hasenohrl.

Appearances for

- Representative Frank Urban, author
- Ruth Ann Berkholtz, Madison, NASW - Wis. Chapter
- Douglas V. Knight, Chairman, Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
- Fred Devett, Middleton, Wis. Assn. for Marriage & Family Therapy
- William Berkan, Madison, self
- Judith Schaffer, Milwaukee, WAMFT
- Anthony Waisbrot, MSW, BCD, Marshfield, Wis. Society for Clinical Social Work
- Sally Schmidt, Milwaukee
- Joanne Barndt, Milwaukee

Appearances against

- Secretary Marlene A. Cummings, Department of Regulation & Licensing
- Richard Salem, Dept. of Sociology, UW - Whitewater
- Dr. Ann Frisch, Oshkosh, self
- Arlene Siss, Lancaster, Grant County Social Services

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Susan A. Kell, Board Member, Professional Counselors Section of Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists & Professional Counselors
- Sandi Moore, Menasha, self
- Laurie Moyer, River Falls, self
- Wendy Abel Loss, Schofield
- Mary Ellen Loerke, Milwaukee, self
- Dismas Becker, Madison, Professional Counselors
- Janice Lieber, self
- Rose Lee, Baraboo, self
- Deb Lau-Schingen, Milwaukee, self
- Julie Kruk, DePere, self
- James Kroll, Mequon, self
- Mary Ann Krems, Stevens Point, self
- James Kimball, Wausau, self
- Curtis Hossman, Lodi, self
- Terry Major Holliday, Waupaca
- Dan Hobson, Madison, self
- Roger Gantzarow, Madison, self
- James P. Buckley, Waukesha, Wis. Assn. for Marriage & Family Therapy
- Kelli Frankenberg, Madison, self
- Peg Olson, Oshkosh, self
- Beverly Oastenhous, Heenah, self
- Barb Patch, Sun Prairie, self
- Marj Colavitti, Appleton, self
- Lisa Dobbenke, Medford, self
- John Bowen, Greendale, self
- Sandy Bosin, Wukesha, self
- Chet Gerlach, Wisconsin School Counselors Assn.
- Tanya Atkinson, Madison
- Cornelia Gordon-Hempe, Chair, Social Worker Section, Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists & Professional Counselors
- Muriel J. Harper, Vice Chair, Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Examining Board (and) Employee Assistance Professional Association

Registrations against

- Kathy Merkeland, Monona, Wisconsin Counties Association
- Scott Peterson, WI Health & Hospital Association

Daniel A. Young
Committee Clerk

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Bill No. AB 517

Of _____
Subject _____

(Name) Rep. Frank Veau

(Street Address or Route Number) 3695 Embury Wood

(City & Zip Code) Brookfield, 53002

(Representing) 99 Embury Dist.

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

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Date: 10/22/97

Bill No. AB 517

Of Social Work Licensure
Subject _____

(Name) Ruth Ann Bertholtz

(Street Address or Route Number) 5534 Medical Circle

(City & Zip Code) Hudson WI 53711

(Representing) NWSSU - Wis Chapter

Speaking in favor:
I need to leave at 3:30pm if possible!

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

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Bill No. Assembly Bill 517

Of _____
Subject _____

(Name) Douglas V. Knight, Chairman

(Street Address or Route Number) 1400 E. Washington Ave

(City & Zip Code) MADISON 53703

(Representing) Social Workers, Marriage Family Therapists and Professors

Speaking in favor:
Course fees

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

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Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject

Fred Everett

(Name)

4531 Stonehead Dr

(Street Address or Route Number)

Middleton 53562

(City & Zip Code)

Miss. Apts for Men From Hungary
(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

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Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject

William Berkau

(Name)

726 Anthony Lane

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53702

(City & Zip Code)

Self
(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

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Date: 10/23

Bill No. 517

Or Subject

John Schaffner

(Name)

1714 E Kane W

(Street Address or Route Number)

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(City & Zip Code)

UAW-F
(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

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Bill No. 517

Or Subject Clinical Social Work Licensure

(Name) Anthony Wg'sbrot MSW, BCD

(Street Address or Route Number) 114 W. Briarwood St.

(City & Zip Code) Marshfield, WI 54449

(Representing) Wisconsin Society for Clinical Social Work

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for Information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject

(Name) Sally Schmidt

(Street Address or Route Number) 1435 E. Fairy Chase RD

(City & Zip Code) Milwaukee 53217

(Representing) Social Work

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for Information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject

(Name) JoAnne Baroud

(Street Address or Route Number) 2950 Do. STEPHAN

(City & Zip Code) Milwaukee, WI 53211

(Representing)

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for Information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: October 23, 1997

Bill No. Assembly Bill 517

Or Subject: _____

Secretary Maerle A. Cummings

(Name)

400 E. Washington Avenue

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53703

(City & Zip Code)

Dept. of Regulations & Licensing
(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: 10/23/97

Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

Richard Salerno

(Name)

Dept of Soc. Policy

(Street Address or Route Number)

OWI Whitehouse

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Or Subject: _____

Dr. Ann Frisick

(Name)

3505 Barabbi Lane

(Street Address or Route Number)

Oshkosh WI 54904-9323

(City & Zip Code)

muell
(Representing)

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

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Bill No. AB 517

Subject: S

(Name) ARENE STSS

(Street Address or Route Number) P.O. Box 447

(City & Zip Code) LAKEVIEW WI 53813

(Representing) RAW County Social Services

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: October 27, 1997

Bill No. AB 517

Subject: _____

(Name) Susan A. Kell, Board Member

(Street Address or Route Number) 1480 E. Lombard Ave

(City & Zip Code) Madison 53703

(Representing) Section of the Expanding Board of Family Therapists & Professional Counselors

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: 10-23-97

Bill No. AB 517

Subject: _____

(Name) SANDI MOORE

(Street Address or Route Number) 131 LAKEVIEW LN

(City & Zip Code) MENASHA 54952

(Representing) SELF

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: Oct 23
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Or
Subject _____

(Name) Jeanne Meyer
78724 1020th St
(Street Address or Route Number)
River Falls 53002
(City & Zip Code)
JPM
(Representing)

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
- Registering against:
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Date: 10-23-91
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Or
Subject _____

(Name) Wendy Abel Lee
131 South R
(Street Address or Route Number)
Schaumburg 54426
(City & Zip Code)
SELF
(Representing)

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
- Registering against:
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Date: 10-23-91
Bill No. AB 517
Or
Subject _____

(Name) MARY ELLEN LOE
1633 W PROSPECT
(Street Address or Route Number)
MILWAUKEE 532
(City & Zip Code)
SELF
(Representing)

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
- Registering against:
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Date: 10-23-97

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Or Subject _____

(Name) Dismas Becker

(Street Address or Route Number) 7 N Pinckney St

(City & Zip Code) Madison 53703

(Representing) Profession/ Counselors

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: 10-23-97

Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject _____

(Name) Jayne Lieber

(Street Address or Route Number) _____

(City & Zip Code) _____

(Representing) self

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

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Registering against:

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Bill No. CB 517

Or Subject _____

(Name) Rose De

(Street Address or Route Number) 224 Marlboro

(City & Zip Code) Baraboo

(Representing) self

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

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Date: 10-23-92

Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject

(Name) Deb Lau-Schippers

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code) Manchester 53203

(Representing) self

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

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Or Subject

(Name) Julie Burk

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code) Jefferson 54115

(Representing) self

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

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Date: 10/23/92

Bill No. AB 517

Or Subject

(Name) James Hood

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code) Macon 53092

(Representing) self

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

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Date: 10-27-97
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Or
Subject

(Name) MARY ANN KREMS

(Street Address or Route Number) 5390 Canice Dr

(City & Zip Code) Stevens Pt 54481

(Representing) self

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
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Or
Subject

(Name) JAMES KIMBALL

(Street Address or Route Number) 602 N 72nd Ave

(City & Zip Code) MADISON 54401

(Representing) self

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
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Date: 10/23/97
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Or
Subject

(Name) Curtis Hamann

(Street Address or Route Number) 226 Palmer Pky

(City & Zip Code) Lodi 58555

(Representing) self

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
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Subject _____

(Name) Gerry Major Holliday
21802 Kings Rd
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison 53702
(City & Zip Code)
(Representing) _____

- Speaking In favor:
- Speaking against:
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Date: Oct 23
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Subject _____

(Name) Dan Hobson
1051 E Johnson St
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison 53703
(City & Zip Code)
Self
(Representing) _____

- Speaking In favor:
- Speaking against:
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Subject _____

(Name) Roger Gartzard
1 Sun Dawn Ct Apt B
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison 53704
(City & Zip Code)
Self
(Representing) _____

- Speaking In favor:
- Speaking against:
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Subject

(Name) JAMES P. BUCKLEY
(Street Address or Route Number) 2430 N. SHADYVIEW BD.
(City & Zip Code) WAUKESHA 53188
(Representing) WIS ASSOC. FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
- Registering against:
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Subject

(Name) KELLY FRANKENBERG
(Street Address or Route Number) 5 Wyanbrook Cir
(City & Zip Code) Madison 53704
(Representing) Self

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
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Subject

(Name) Peg Olson
(Street Address or Route Number) 1625 Graber St
(City & Zip Code) Oshkosh 54901
(Representing) Self

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- Speaking against:
- Registering in favor:
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Date: 10/23/97
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 Subject _____
 (Name) Beverly Dastenhous
 (Street Address or Route Number) 1051 Charles Ct
 (City & Zip Code) Weymouth 54955
 (Representing) self

Speaking In favor:
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Date: 10-23-97
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 Subject _____
 (Name) Barb Borch
 (Street Address or Route Number) 988 NewHaven Cir
 (City & Zip Code) Sun Prairie 53590
 (Representing) self

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Date: 10-23-97
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 Subject _____
 (Name) Maoy' Cavitt
 (Street Address or Route Number) 3045 W. McPherson Rd
 (City & Zip Code) Appleton
 (Representing) maoy'

Speaking In favor:
 Speaking against:
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Date: 04 23
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Subject

(Name) Lisa Debrahe
(Street Address or Route Number) 48569 CT40
(City & Zip Code) Madison 54457
(Representing) Self

- Speaking In favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering In favor:
- Registering against:
- Speaking for Information only:
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Date: 10-23
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Or
Subject

(Name) John Bowen
(Street Address or Route Number) P.O. Box 118
(City & Zip Code) Greendale
(Representing) 53129-0119, itself

- Speaking In favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering In favor:
- Registering against:
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Date: 04 23
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Or
Subject

(Name) Jandy Bowen
(Street Address or Route Number) 2744 Minnetonka
(City & Zip Code) Cambria
(Representing) 53188, Councilors-88

- Speaking In favor:
- Speaking against:
- Registering In favor:
- Registering against:
- Speaking for Information only:
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Bill No. AB517

Or Subject

Chaf Goulak

(Name)

44 East Main

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, 53703

(City & Zip Code)

Wis. School Counselors Assn.
(Representing)

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for Information only:

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Or Subject

Lanya Atkinsen

(Name)

512 Anton

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53719

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing)

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

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Or Subject

Coraeta Gordon Henge - Social

(Name) Worker Section Chair

1400 E Washington Ave

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53703

(City & Zip Code)

Social Worker Section of

(Representing) Examining Board of

Social Workers, Making a Family Therapy

Speaking In favor:

Speaking against:

Registering In favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for Information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Or Subject

Use Clark-Spahr

Maricel J. Harper, Reg. Director EAPA

(Name) 1400 E. Washington

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53703

(City & Zip Code) Social Workers Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Employment Bd

(Representing) (Add) Employee Association

Professional Association

Speaking in favor: w/Amendment

Speaking against: (EAPA)

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Date: 10/23/97

Bill No. ABS17

Or Subject

(Name) Kathy Markeland

(Street Address or Route Number) 150 River Place Suite 101

(City & Zip Code) Monona 53716

(Representing) Wisconsin Land Use Assoc

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Or Subject

(Name) Scott Peterson

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City & Zip Code)

(Representing) WI Health + Hospital Assoc.

Speaking in favor:

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:

Neither for nor against:

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Dr Ann Frisch Testimony

When

- OK to exclude
employee (~~attorney~~)
counselors

Marlene's,

- this is about the
changing nature
of health care
services.

- very broad def.
- could put people
out to work.

- general public
would not understand.
- identify relationship
to fee reimbursement
- pay be costly to government.

Marlene C.

- if scope is same, why create two panels

Richard Salem

See 39 - subjects everyone in social

> work to gain distinction of social welfare area.

> people who advocate will need financing.

> What about members, i.e. help for battered women.

Beth Ann Barkhoff

> need for to protect patient confidentiality

Lehman

- joint certify
- then license

- more/more

Why certification

supplement 7 yrs ago today, now we need someone?

- how service will not be modified by these changes, except for confidentiality.

Lehman to Knight

> what gained except money for consumers; someone not competent can't practice.

AB 517

Arlene Siss

OK collect permit

> a successful grandmotherly has more experience and knowledge than many social workers

AB 517

Johnson

> no one here from

~~Set~~ insurance companies to say they need this.

from Marlene: 632.87 (1) - award to collect registered

Priscilla Bandt

and from Dorel does not say they're certified - so they need licensed!

FISCAL ESTIMATE

- ORIGINAL
- UPDATE
- CORRECTED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.	Admendment No.
AB_517	

DOA-2048 (R10/94)

Subject:

Regulation of social workers, advanced practice social workers, independent social workers, independent clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget Yes No
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation
- Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 5. Types of local government units affected:
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | |

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.165 (1) (g) and 20.165 (1) (i)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a practice act for social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors replacing the current certification regulation which protects the titles of the professions. The bill requires that the board define by rule the services that can be performed by Advanced Practice Social Workers, Independent Social Workers and Independent Clinical Social Workers. Defining these levels of practice will require at least four additional Social Worker section meetings at a cost of \$500 for per diems, \$1,040 for lodging and \$1840 for travel, totaling \$3,380.

If the bill were to be adopted, the penalty section of current Chapter 457, Stats., combined with the prohibitions in the bill, would make it a crime to practice outside the scope of one's license. In other words, if an advanced practice social worker engages in practice that is restricted to social workers practicing at the independent and independent clinical levels, the advanced practice social worker may be subject to the criminal penalties in the chapter. Section 457.30, Wis. Stats., specifies that penalties of \$5,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 fine and imprisonment for up to 9 months for a willful violation. Because of these serious criminal penalties the definitions for each area of practice become critical and staff will be responding to numerous inquiries about what is and is not permitted under the new statute.

This bill requires the department to issue new licenses to all social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors. Costs associated with this requirement include postage, \$7,833, envelopes, \$1018, Chipboard, \$450, and licenses, \$1,837 for a total of \$11,139.

The department currently administers one statute and rules examination for the four levels of social work. If the board would determine that there should be a separate statute and rules exam for each level of social work, the costs for test development would be \$9,648.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1997 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

ORIGINAL UPDATE
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.	Amendment No.
AB 517	

DOA-2047 (R10/94)

Subject: Regulation of Social Workers, Advanced Practice Social Workers, Independent Social Workers, Independent Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors

I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

One-time costs associated with the four additional sections meetings would total \$3,380

II. Annualized Costs:

Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance	11,139	-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$ 11,139	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS	11,139	-
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		
FED		-
PRO/PRS	0	
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$ 0	\$

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ 11,139	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ 0	

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Mr. Cliff Otte
State Capitol
POB 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Mr. Otte:

Recently I was part of a discussion that talked about licensing mental health professionals. I understand a bill is in progress that could change the state of Wisconsin's past posture in this area. We here at LCFS encourage you to vote on our behalf for passage of any such legislation that would enable the licensure of a variety of mental health professionals. The past licensure of only MSW's in this state has extremely hampered our work as a statewide community-type counseling agency.

We encourage the licensing futuristically of Professional Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, Social Workers, and psychologists. We believe that any of the professional categories, once past the 3000 hour post-masters supervision requirement, should be licensable as providers or supervisors. As the executive director of a mental health agency as well as a graduate level professor I believe that the above stated diversity in licensure will allow Wisconsin citizens better care as we look towards the future.

If I can be of any help during the process, certainly feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chuck Meseck, Psy.D.
Executive Director

CM/lms



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November 6, 1997

Hon. Rep. Cliff Otte, Chair, Consumer Affairs
State of Wisconsin Assembly
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

RE: Assembly Bill 517

Representative Otte and Committee Members:

I urge you to reject Assembly Bill 517. I am asking you to reject this bill because it will undermine the volunteer efforts which keep our communities alive. It will increase the cost of community's doing the business of caring for people by forcing non profit and state agencies to hire from a limited pool of workers licensed as Social Workers. There is no justification for this act whatsoever.

Passage of this bill will generate unending requests for licensing: we will need to have Licensed Disaster Counselors, Licensed Battery Counselors, Licensed Financial Counselors, Licensed Group Home Counselors, Licensed Wisconsin Legislators and so on. It will increase the cost of communities doing business by eliminating the competition; it will leave agencies without volunteer staff; it will leave agencies without choices in whom they can hire and dramatically increase their costs. All without justification whatsoever.

This bill should be rejected out of hand without further deliberation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen E. Muench". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Karen E. Muench, Ph.D., MSSW
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November 17, 1997

Representative Clifford Otte, Chairperson
Committee on Consumer Affairs
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Re: 1997 Assembly Bill 517

Dear Representative Otte:

I am writing to you on the behalf of the Oconto County Health & Human Services Board.

The Board wishes to express their non-support of the above entitled bill, which relates to the reputation of social workers, therapists, and counselors.

We agree that the professionalization and regulation of social workers, therapists, and counselors is important as long as the process does indeed measure the abilities/skills needed for effective service.

However, we are concerned that Bachelor Degreed persons in other fields, such as Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, and Human Development, do not have the opportunity to obtain a license without going back to school.

These Bachelor level persons should at least have an opportunity to take the same test that Social Work degreed persons take after graduating.

At the present time, non-Social Work degreed persons have to go back to school to take classes, which may add another two years of college.

We believe that there are a number of non-Social Work degreed persons who have what it takes to do a great job as a County Social Worker.

Please take this concern into consideration when your committee meets to decide the fate of this bill. Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Benesh".

Greg Benesh, Manager
Clinical & Family Division

GB/pr

Tommy G. Thompson
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State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections

November 6, 1997

Representative Clifford Otte
Room 109 West
State Capitol
Madison, WI

Dear Representative Otte:

I am writing to express my concern regarding AB 517, which relates to the regulation of social workers. This legislation could have a significant impact on many employees of the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Current law does not pose a problem for us since it basically regulates the use of titles. However, AB 517 establishes licensing requirements for persons who may actually practice "social work," regardless of their title. This includes counseling, which is an integral part of two major classes of DOC employees. Probation /parole agents and youth counselors in our juvenile institutions perform functions that appear to fall under the definition of social work. We have over 1,100 probation/parole agents and over 500 youth counselors employed by DOC. It is estimated that a majority of these persons would not be able to be licensed under AB 517. This would present operational concerns for us, particularly as it relates to public safety, if we did not have adequate staff to supervise offenders in the community or the juvenile correctional institutions.

Even if our existing employees were grandfathered into the law, this proposal would have a negative impact on DOC's ability to attract and hire qualified persons to work in these very responsible positions. There are many experienced people who could be a valuable asset to our organization and I do not wish to preclude hiring these individuals merely because they don't have a social worker license.

Thank you for considering my comments. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Sullivan".

Michael J. Sullivan
Secretary

cc: Secretary Cummings



Office of the President

December 5, 1997

Representative Clifford Otte
State Capitol - 109 W
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Representative Otte:

I am writing on behalf of the Medical College of Wisconsin to express our support of Assembly Bill 517. Assembly Bill 517 would transform the certification requirements under current law into licensing requirements and restricts the use of titles related to social work, marriage and family therapy or professional counseling to persons who are licensed. This step will protect the citizens of the state from unethical or substandard important protections.

I hope that you will support Assembly Bill 517 as it will assist the public through identification of standards for the safe professional practice of the various counselor categories. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at (414) 456-8225.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

T. Michael Bolger, JD
President and CEO
Medical College of Wisconsin