

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Representative Urban:

This version is identical to the previous version, except for the following changes, which were discussed with Dismas Becker:

1. Proposed s. 475.02 (1) refers to practicing psychotherapy independently and without supervision.

2. The examining board grants licenses to practice psychotherapy as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, professional counselor or practitioner of a field of study approved by the examining board.

3. A person does not have to be certified under ch. 457, stats., in order to be licensed as a psychotherapist, but has to otherwise satisfy the requirements for certification under that chapter. Note that, as a consequence, a person must satisfy certain requirements of the appropriate section of the examining board of social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors, as well as the requirements of the psychotherapy examining board, in order to obtain a license. For example, under proposed s. 475.04 (2) (b) 3., a person must have passed an examination approved by the social worker section. I am not sure if this is consistent with your intent. Therefore, please review proposed s. 475.04 very carefully to make sure that it is okay.

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