DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

April 21, 1999

Senator Grobschmidt:

This version is identical to LRB-0822/2 and is based on instructions from Dismas Becker. Please note the following:

1. This version includes the new definition of "psychotherapy", but I'm not sure that there is clear distinction between what constitutes psychotherapy and what constitutes, for example, social work. If a person counsels another person to deal with, for example, an emotional disorder, doesn't such counseling fall under the definition of both "psychotherapy" and "social work"?

2. Under this version, as under current law, one of the certified social worker members of the board must be a government employe. Is this okay?

3. The board has the same number of members as under current law. Therefore, I did not change the quorum requirement for meetings of the entire board. Is this okay?

4. Please review the proposed amendment of s. 15.405 (7c) (f), stats. Although the amendment differs from your instructions on this point, I think it achieves your intent.

5. Is the language regarding the public members of the examining board in proposed s. 15.405 (7c) (a) 5. okay? I am reluctant to insert the actual names of consumer interest groups into the statutes because of the possibility of future name changes or reorganizations of the groups.

6. Please review the nonstatutory provisions of the bill regarding examining board membership, which are intended to allow certain members of the examining board under current law to continue to serve on the board as affected by the bill. These provisions also allow the secretary of DORL to determine whether a public member appointed under current law serves on either the licensure or the certification section of the examining board. Are these provisions okay?

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