AN ACT to amend 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.); and to create 457.08 (5) of the statutes; relating to: practice requirement for licensure as a clinical social worker.

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

SECTION 1. 457.08 (4) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

457.08 (4) (c) (intro.) Submits evidence satisfactory to the social worker section that after receiving a master's or doctorate degree in social work he or she has engaged in the equivalent of at least 3,000 hours of clinical social work practice, including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact that includes the diagnosis and treatment of individuals based on the applicable edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, or its equivalent, as determined by the examining board, supervised by one of the following:

SECTION 2. 457.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

457.08 (5) USE OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS. In its discretion, the examining board may establish a number of hours required for the diagnosis and treatment of individuals based on the applicable edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders or its equivalent for purposes of sub. (4) (c). The number of hours required under this subsection may not exceed 600.