



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 357**  
[2017 Assembly Bill 30]

**Examinations for Certain  
Professional Licenses**

2017 Wisconsin Act 357 relates to the examination requirements for individuals applying for a social worker certificate, advanced practice social worker certificate, independent social worker certificate, clinical social worker license, marriage and family therapist license, or professional counselor license. These credentials are issued by the Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Professional Counselor Sections of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Counseling, and Social Worker Examining Board (Board).

Prior to the Act, the statutes required, among other licensure criteria, that an applicant for one of the licenses described above pass **an examination** approved by the corresponding section of the Board. The Board's rules state that the examination consists of two parts. Part I is an examination pertaining to the profession, and Part II is an examination on state law pertaining to the profession.

The Act modifies the statutes to specify that applicants must complete **one or more examinations** approved by the corresponding section of the Board, which may include an examination that tests an applicant's knowledge of state law. In addition, the Act specifically authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing examination requirements for certification and licensure for any of the credentials that are issued by the Board or one of its sections.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.