



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 356
[2017 Assembly Bill 29]

Social Work Licensure

Among other criteria for licensure, an applicant for a clinical social worker license must complete at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical social work practice, including at least 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact. 2017 Wisconsin Act 356 provides that the 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact must include training based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) or its equivalent, as determined by the Social Work Examining Board (Board). The Act also authorizes the Board to establish a number of training hours, not to exceed 600 hours, that must be in DSM or its equivalent.

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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>.