

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 479

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR TRENT.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 337.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to social workers.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 337.600, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.600,  
3 to read as follows:

337.600. As used in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the  
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Advanced macro social worker", the applications  
4 of social work theory, knowledge, methods, principles,  
5 values, and ethics; and the professional use of self to  
6 community and organizational systems, systemic and macrocosm  
7 issues, and other indirect nonclinical services; specialized  
8 knowledge and advanced practice skills in case management,  
9 information and referral, nonclinical assessments,  
10 counseling, outcome evaluation, mediation, nonclinical  
11 supervision, nonclinical consultation, expert testimony,  
12 education, outcome evaluation, research, advocacy, social  
13 planning and policy development, community organization, and  
14 the development, implementation and administration of  
15 policies, programs, and activities. A licensed advanced  
16 macro social worker may not treat mental or emotional  
17 disorders or provide psychotherapy without the direct

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

18 supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, or  
19 diagnose a mental disorder;

20 (2) "Clinical social work", the application of social  
21 work theory, knowledge, values, methods, principles, and  
22 techniques of case work, group work, client-centered  
23 advocacy, community organization, administration, planning,  
24 evaluation, consultation, research, psychotherapy and  
25 counseling methods and techniques to persons, families and  
26 groups in assessment, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and  
27 amelioration of mental and emotional conditions;

28 (3) "Committee", the state committee for social  
29 workers established in section 337.622;

30 (4) "Department", the Missouri department of commerce  
31 and insurance;

32 (5) "Director", the director of the division of  
33 professional registration;

34 (6) "Division", the division of professional  
35 registration;

36 (7) "Independent practice", any practice of social  
37 workers outside of an organized setting such as a social,  
38 medical, or governmental agency in which a social worker  
39 assumes responsibility and accountability for services  
40 required;

41 (8) "Licensed advanced macro social worker", any  
42 person who offers to render services to individuals, groups,  
43 families, couples, organizations, institutions, communities,  
44 government agencies, corporations, or the general public for  
45 a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is  
46 trained, experienced, and licensed as an advanced macro  
47 social worker, and who holds a current valid license to  
48 practice as an advanced macro social worker;

49           (9) "Licensed baccalaureate social worker", any person  
50 who offers to render services to individuals, groups,  
51 organizations, institutions, corporations, government  
52 agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or  
53 otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced,  
54 and licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, and who holds  
55 a current valid license to practice as a baccalaureate  
56 social worker;

57           (10) "Licensed clinical social worker", any person who  
58 offers to render services to individuals, groups,  
59 organizations, institutions, corporations, government  
60 agencies, or the general public for a fee, monetary or  
61 otherwise, implying that the person is trained, experienced,  
62 and licensed as a clinical social worker, and who holds a  
63 current, valid license to practice as a clinical social  
64 worker;

65           (11) "Licensed master social worker", any person who  
66 offers to render services to individuals, groups, families,  
67 couples, organizations, institutions, communities,  
68 government agencies, corporations, or the general public for  
69 a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that the person is  
70 trained, experienced, and licensed as a master social  
71 worker, and who holds a current valid license to practice as  
72 a master social worker. A licensed master social worker may  
73 not treat mental or emotional disorders, provide  
74 psychotherapy without the direct supervision of a licensed  
75 clinical social worker, or diagnose a mental disorder;

76           (12) "Master social work", the application of social  
77 work theory, knowledge, methods, and ethics and the  
78 professional use of self to restore or enhance social,  
79 psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals,  
80 couples, families, groups, organizations, communities,

81 institutions, government agencies, or corporations. The  
82 practice includes the applications of specialized knowledge  
83 and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment,  
84 treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case  
85 management, mediation, information and referral, counseling,  
86 client education, supervision, consultation, education,  
87 research, advocacy, community organization and development,  
88 planning, evaluation, implementation and administration of  
89 policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as  
90 provided in this section, the practice of master social work  
91 may include the practices reserved to clinical social  
92 workers or advanced macro social workers for no more than  
93 forty-eight consecutive calendar months for the purpose of  
94 obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645;

95 (13) "Practice of advanced macro social work",  
96 rendering, offering to render, or supervising those who  
97 render to individuals, couples, families, groups,  
98 organizations, institutions, corporations, government  
99 agencies, communities, or the general public any service  
100 involving the application of methods, principles, and  
101 techniques of advanced practice macro social work;

102 (14) "Practice of baccalaureate social work",  
103 rendering, offering to render, or supervising those who  
104 render to individuals, families, groups, organizations,  
105 institutions, corporations, or the general public any  
106 service involving the application of methods, principles,  
107 and techniques of baccalaureate social work;

108 (15) "Practice of clinical social work", rendering,  
109 offering to render, or supervising those who render to  
110 individuals, couples, groups, organizations, institutions,  
111 corporations, or the general public any service involving

112 the application of methods, principles, and techniques of  
113 clinical social work;

114 (16) "Practice of master social work", rendering,  
115 offering to render, or supervising those who render to  
116 individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,  
117 institutions, corporations, government agencies,  
118 communities, or the general public any service involving the  
119 application of methods, principles, and techniques of master  
120 social work;

121 (17) "Qualified advanced macro supervisor", any  
122 licensed social worker who meets the qualifications of a  
123 qualified clinical supervisor or a licensed advanced macro  
124 social worker who has:

125 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a  
126 licensed social worker for which he or she is supervising  
127 the applicant for a minimum of **[five] three** years;

128 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours  
129 of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work  
130 Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an  
131 accredited university, or a program approved by the state  
132 committee for social workers. All organizations providing  
133 the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content  
134 and quality standards outlined by the state committee on  
135 social work; and

136 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
137 337.689, and as defined by rule by the state committee for  
138 social workers;

139 (18) "Qualified baccalaureate supervisor", any  
140 licensed social worker who meets the qualifications of a  
141 qualified clinical supervisor, qualified master supervisor,  
142 qualified advanced macro supervisor, or a licensed  
143 baccalaureate social worker who has:

144 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a  
145 licensed social worker for which he or she is supervising  
146 the applicant for a minimum of ~~[five]~~ **three** years;

147 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours  
148 of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work  
149 Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an  
150 accredited university, or a program approved by the state  
151 committee for social workers. All organizations providing  
152 the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content  
153 and quality standards outlined by the state committee on  
154 social workers; and

155 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
156 337.689, and as defined by rule by the state committee for  
157 social workers;

158 (19) "Qualified clinical supervisor", any licensed  
159 clinical social worker who has:

160 (a) Practiced in the field of social work as a  
161 licensed social worker for which he or she is supervising  
162 the applicant for a minimum of ~~[five]~~ **three** years;

163 (b) Successfully completed a minimum of sixteen hours  
164 of supervisory training from the Association of Social Work  
165 Boards, the National Association of Social Workers, an  
166 accredited university, or a program approved by the state  
167 committee for social workers. All organizations providing  
168 the supervisory training shall adhere to the basic content  
169 and quality standards outlined by the state committee on  
170 social work; and

171 (c) Met all the requirements of sections 337.600 to  
172 337.689, and as defined by rule by the state committee for  
173 social workers;

174 (20) "Social worker", any individual that has:

175           (a) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in  
176 social work from an accredited social work program approved  
177 by the council on social work education;

178           (b) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

179           (c) A current social worker license as set forth in  
180 sections 337.600 to 337.689.

