

**CHAPTER 62****(SB 29)**

AN ACT relating to social work.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. KRS 335.080 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall issue a license as "certified social worker" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
  - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (b) Is a person of good moral character;
  - (c) Has received a master's degree or doctorate degree in social work from an educational institution approved by the board;
  - (d) Has paid to the board an examination fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
  - (e) Has passed an examination prepared by the board;
  - (f) Has not within the preceding *three (3)*~~six (6)~~ months failed to pass an examination given by the board;
  - (g) Has paid an initial license fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation; and
  - (h) Has complied with KRS 214.615(1).
- (2) The license shall be displayed in the licensee's principal place of practice, and shall entitle the licensee to hold himself forth to the public as providing services as authorized by KRS 335.010 to 335.160 and 335.990.
- (3) A certified social worker may engage in the practice of clinical social work by contracting, in writing, with a licensed clinical social worker who shall assume responsibility for and supervise the certified social worker's practice as directed by the board by promulgation of administrative regulations. The certified social worker shall, for purposes of this section, be an employee of an institution or organization in which the certified social worker has no direct or indirect interest other than employment. No certified social worker shall enter into a practice of clinical social work until this contract has been approved by the board, and shall cease the practice of clinical social work immediately upon the termination of the contract. At the termination of the contract, the certified social worker shall apply for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker or request an extension of the contract from the board.

Section 2. KRS 335.090 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall issue a license as "licensed social worker" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
  - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (b) Is a person of good moral character;

- (c) 1. Has received a baccalaureate degree in a social work or social welfare program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or
  - 2. Has received a baccalaureate degree and has completed courses equivalent to a social work or social welfare program as determined by the board;
  - (d) Has paid to the board an examination fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
  - (e) Has passed an examination prepared by the board;
  - (f) Has not within the preceding *three (3)*~~[six (6)]~~ months failed to pass an examination given by the board;
  - (g) Has paid an initial license fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation; and
  - (h) Has complied with KRS 214.615(1).
- (2) The license shall be displayed in the licensee's principal place of practice, and shall entitle the licensee to hold himself forth to the public as providing services as authorized by KRS 335.010 to 335.160 and 335.990.

Section 3. KRS 335.100 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall issue a license as "licensed clinical social worker" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
- (a) Has received a master's degree or doctoral degree in social work from an educational institution approved by the board;
  - (b) Has had a minimum of two (2) years of full time post-master's experience, consisting of at least thirty (30) hours per week, or three (3) years of part time, consisting of at least twenty (20) hours per week, post-master's degree experience acceptable to the board in the use of specialty methods and measures to be employed in clinical social work practice, the experience having been acquired under appropriate supervision as established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
  - (c) Has paid to the board an examination fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
  - (d) Has passed an examination prepared by the board for this purpose;
  - (e) Has not within the preceding *three (3)*~~[six (6)]~~ months failed to pass an examination given by the board;
  - (f) Has paid an initial license fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation; and
  - (g) Has complied with KRS 214.615(1).
- (2) The license shall be displayed in the licensee's principal place of practice, and shall entitle the licensee to hold himself forth to the public as providing services as authorized by KRS 335.010 to 335.160 and KRS 335.990.
- (3) A licensed clinical social worker may contract with a certified social worker in the practice of clinical social work as provided in KRS 335.080(3). The licensed clinical social worker

shall assume responsibility for and supervise the certified social worker's practice as directed by the board by promulgation of administrative regulations.

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