

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 537

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORK LICENSING ACT; AMENDING SECTION 54-3202, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-3206, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE LICENSING QUALIFICATIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-3202, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3202. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the terms defined in this section shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning.

(1) "Board" means the state board of social work examiners hereinafter provided in this chapter.

(2) "Social work" is defined as the professional activity of helping individuals, groups, families and communities enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and creating societal conditions favorable to this goal. Social work practice consists of the professional application of social work values, principles, and techniques. The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior of social, economic and cultural institutions and of the interaction of all these factors.

(3) "Clinical social worker" means an individual who ~~has a master's degree or doctorate in social work and two (2) years of postgraduate supervised clinical experience approved by the board and who~~ is licensed under this chapter and may be designated as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW).

(4) "Masters social worker" means an individual who ~~has a doctorate or master's degree in social work from a college or university approved by the board and~~ is licensed under this chapter and may be designated as a licensed masters social worker (LMSW).

(5) "Social worker" means an individual who ~~has a baccalaureate degree in social work or related fields from a college or university approved by the board and~~ is licensed under this chapter and may be designated as a licensed social worker (LSW).

SECTION 2. That Section 54-3206, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3206. LICENSING -- QUALIFICATIONS. The board shall issue licenses to qualified applicants who, ~~in addition to qualifications enumerated in section 54-3202, Idaho Code,~~ have passed an examination conducted or approved by the board, ~~and~~ and are of good moral character, and are one (1) of the following:

- 1 (1) A clinical social worker who has a master's degree or doctorate in
2 social work and two (2) years of postgraduate supervised clinical experience
3 approved by the board;
4 (2) A masters social worker who has a master's degree or doctorate in
5 social work from a college or university approved by the board; or
6 (3) A social worker who has a baccalaureate degree in social work from a
7 college or university approved by the board.