

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1093
(Human Services Committee)
(At the request of the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 43-41-02, subsection 4 of section 43-41-04, and subsection 1 of section 43-41-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of social workers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 43-41-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Nothing in this chapter prevents the employment of social work designees by hospitals, basic care facilities, or skilled nursing facilities, provided these ~~persons~~ individuals work under the direction of a social worker or social work consultant licensed under this chapter and that the board be notified of the name of the designee's employer and the name of the licensee who is providing direction or consultation to the designees.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 43-41-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. The board shall issue a license as a licensed independent clinical social worker to an applicant who:
 - a. Has a doctorate or master's degree in social work from a college or university.
 - b. Has passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose.
 - c. Has satisfied the board that within a four-year period the applicant has successfully completed ~~within four years~~, three thousand hours of post-master's clinical social work experience under the supervision of ~~a licensed certified social worker who has two years of experience~~, a licensed independent clinical social worker, or, if an applicant began that supervised clinical social work experience before August 1, 2009, a licensed certified social worker who has two years of experience, a licensed psychologist with a doctorate degree, or a licensed psychiatrist.
 - d. Has satisfied the board that the applicant agrees to adhere to the code of social work ethics adopted by the board.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 43-41-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The governor shall appoint the North Dakota board of social work examiners which must consist of six members, two of whom must be, at the time of initial appointment, licensed social workers_{;1}; one of whom must be, at the time of initial appointment, a licensed certified social worker_{;1}; one of whom must be, at the time of initial appointment, a licensed independent clinical social worker_{;1}; and two of whom must be laypersons. Board members must demonstrate no conflict of interest.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1093.

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 0 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State