

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-11-08; and to amend and
2 reenact subsection 4 of section 43-41-02 and subsection 4 of section 43-41-04 of the North
3 Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice and licensing of social work.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

7 4. a. Nothing in this chapter prevents the employment of social work designees by
8 hospitals, basic care facilities, or skilled nursing facilities, provided these
9 persons work under the direction of a social worker or social work consultant
10 licensed under this chapter.

11 b. This subsection is ineffective after July 31, 2009, except as to individuals so
12 employed on that date, for so long as that employment continues.

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

15 4. The board shall issue a license as a licensed independent clinical social worker to
16 an applicant who:

17 a. Has a doctorate or master's degree in social work from a college or university.

18 b. Has passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose.

19 c. Has satisfied the board that within a four-year period the applicant has
20 successfully completed ~~within four years~~, three thousand hours of
21 post-master's clinical social work experience under the supervision of a
22 ~~licensed certified social worker who has two years of experience~~, a licensed
23 independent clinical social worker, or, if an applicant began tht supervised
24 clinical social work experience before August 1, 2009, a licensed certified

1 social worker who has two years of experience, a licensed psychologist with a
2 doctorate degree, or a licensed psychiatrist.

3 d. Has satisfied the board that the applicant agrees to adhere to the code of
4 social work ethics adopted by the board.

5 **SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 43-41-09 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 is created and enacted as follows:

7 Establish supervisory requirements for the practice of any individual licensed under
8 this chapter.