

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1093**

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(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 43-41-09 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the duties of the North Dakota board of social work examiners; and to  
3 amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 43-41-02 and subsection 4 of section 43-41-04 of  
4 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the practice and licensing of social work.

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

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

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

12 b. This subsection only applies to individuals employed on July 31, 2009, for so  
13 long as that employment continues.

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

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

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

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

20 c. Has satisfied the board that within a four-year period the applicant has  
21 successfully completed ~~within four years~~, three thousand hours of

22 post-master's clinical social work experience under the supervision of a

23 ~~licensed certified social worker who has two years of experience~~, a licensed

24 independent clinical social worker, or, if an applicant began that supervised

1                   clinical social work experience before August 1, 2009, a licensed certified  
2                   social worker who has two years of experience, a licensed psychologist with a  
3                   doctorate degree, or a licensed psychiatrist.

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

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

8                   Establish supervisory requirements for the practice of an individual licensed under  
9                   this chapter.