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No. 78

An Act to amend *The Social Workers Act*

(Assented to _____)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2012*.

S.S. 1993, c.S-52.1 amended

2 *The Social Workers Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 2 amended

3 Section 2 is amended:

(a) by adding the following clause after clause (d):

“(d.1) ‘**endorsement**’ means an endorsement to a licence authorizing a practising member to engage in the practice of diagnosis”; **and**

(b) by adding the following clause after clause (f):

“(f.1) ‘**practice of diagnosis**’ means the communication of a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of a person’s symptoms, a neuropsychological disorder or a psychologically-based psychotic, neurotic or personality disorder”.

Section 16 amended

4(1) Clause 16(1)(l) is amended by adding “, endorsement” after “licensing”.

(2) Clause 16(2)(a) is amended:

(a) by striking out “and” after subclause (i);

(b) by adding “and” after subclause (ii); and

(c) by adding the following subclause after subclause (ii):

“(iii) the granting of endorsements”.

(3) Clause 16(2)(b) is amended:

(a) in subclause (ii) by adding “and the granting of endorsements” after “licences”; and

(b) in subclause (iii) by adding “and endorsements” after “licences”.

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(4) The following clause is added after clause 16(2)(g):

“(g.1) prescribing the requirements that must be met and criteria that must be satisfied to obtain and continue to hold an endorsement, including standards of training and education and additional and continuing training and education requirements”.

Section 18 amended**5 The following subsection is added after subsection 18(2):**

“(3) The council, in accordance with this Act and the bylaws, may grant an endorsement to a practising member’s licence”.

New section 21.1**6 The following section is added after section 21:****“Requirements for endorsement**

21.1 The council may grant an endorsement to a practising member authorizing that member to engage in the practice of diagnosis if the member produces evidence establishing to the satisfaction of the council that he or she:

- (a) has paid the prescribed fees;
- (b) is a practising member; and
- (c) has complied with the bylaws with respect to the requirements that must be met and criteria that must be satisfied for the granting of an endorsement”.

New sections 24 and 24.01**7 Section 24 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Prohibited practice**

24(1) No person other than a member shall engage in the practice of social work by using the title ‘social worker’.

- (2) No person shall engage in the practice of diagnosis unless the person:
 - (a) is a practising member who has been granted an endorsement by the council; or
 - (b) is authorized pursuant to another Act to engage in the practice of diagnosis.

“Practice of diagnosis

24.01 Notwithstanding any other Act, if a member has been granted an endorsement pursuant to this Act and the bylaws, the member may engage in the practice of diagnosis”.

Coming into force

- 8** This Act comes into force on proclamation.