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2 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Orr, Figures, Coleman, Hatcher

3 RFD: Healthcare

4 First Read: 21-Mar-23

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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
7	AN ACT
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9	Relating to the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners;
10	to amend Section 34-30-3, Code of Alabama 1975, and to add
11	Section 34-30-34 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide
12	further for the scope of practice of licensees.
13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
14	Section 1. Section 34-30-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
15	is amended to read as follows:
16	"§34-30-3
17	(a) No person individual may engage in the independent
18	clinical practice of social work unless he or she is satisfies
19	all of the following:
20	(1) Licensed Is licensed under this chapter as a
21	licensed an independent clinical social worker; and.
22	(2) Has a doctorate or master's degree from a school of
23	social work approved, accredited, or in candidacy granted by
24	the Council on Social Work Education; and.
25	(3) Has had two years' full-time or three years'
26	part-time postgraduate experience under appropriate
27	supervision in the specified social work method or four years'
28	full-time or five years' part-time postgraduate experience

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29 under appropriate supervision in the speciality in which the 30 applicant will practice.

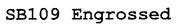
- (4) Has passed an examination prepared by the board for this purpose; except, that prior to the time that an examination is prepared by the board for this purpose, no person individual who otherwise meets the requirements of this section will be prohibited from engaging in the private independent practice of social work; and.
  - (5) Has been issued by mail a certified letter of certification stating his or her qualification for private independent practice by the board; and.
- (6) Has paid an initial certification fee set by the board.
- (b) The scope of practice of a licensed independent clinical social worker includes the authority to diagnose and develop treatment plans. The scope of practice does not include the diagnosis, treatment, or provision of advice to a client for problems or complaints relating to conditions outside the boundaries of the practice of social work.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, the terms diagnose and treatment, whether considered in isolation or in conjunction with the rules of the board, may not be construed to permit the performance of any act which a licensed clinical social worker is not educated or trained to perform including, but not limited to, any of the following:
- (1) Administering and interpreting psychological tests
  or intellectual, neuropsychological, personality, or
  projective instruments.

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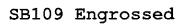
57	(2) Admitting any individual to a hospital for
58	treatment of any condition that is outside the boundaries of
59	the practice of social work, as provided in subsection (b).
60	(3) Treating any individual in a hospital setting
61	without medical supervision.
62	(4) Prescribing medicinal drugs.
63	(5) Authorizing clinical laboratory procedures or
64	radiological procedures.
65	(6) Using electroconvulsive therapy.
66	(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
67	create a requirement that any health benefit plan, group
68	insurance plan, policy, or contract for health care services
69	that covers hospital, medical, or surgical expenses, health
70	maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations,
71	medical service organizations, physician-hospital
72	organizations, or any other individual, firm, corporation,
73	joint venture, or other similar business entity that pays for,
7 4	purchases, or furnishes group health care services to
75	patients, insureds, or beneficiaries in this state, including
76	entities created pursuant to Article 6, commencing with
77	Section 10A-20-6.01 of Chapter 20, Title 10A, to provide
78	coverage or reimbursement for the services described or
79	authorized in this section."
30	Section 2. Section 34-30-34 is added to the Code of
31	Alabama 1975, to read as follows:
32	§34-30-34.
3 3	Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize
3 4	any individual licensed under this chapter to practice







85	medicine or to describe or label any test, report, or
86	procedure as psychological or as a psychological evaluation.
87	Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
88	day of the third month following its passage and approval by
89	the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.







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94	to the Senate committee on
95	Healthcare
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97	Read for the second time and placed04-Apr-23
98	on the calendar:
99 100	0 amendments
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102	as amended
103	Yeas 30
104	Nays 0
105	Abstains 0
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108	Patrick Harris,
109	Secretary.
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