

**65-6303. Prohibited acts; penalty.** (a) No person shall engage in the practice of social work for compensation or hold forth as performing the services of a social worker unless such person is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this act, nor may any person participate in the delivery of social work service unless under the supervision of a person who is licensed under this act. Temporary licenses to practice may be issued by the board in accordance with K.S.A. [65-6309](#) and amendments thereto.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent qualified persons from doing work within the standards and ethics of their respective professions and callings provided they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description of services as being engaged in the practice of social work.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the practice of psychotherapy by anyone who does not have a baccalaureate degree in social work or a related field except that those practicing psychotherapy without a baccalaureate degree in social work or a related field prior to July 1, 1974, shall not be prohibited from so practicing after the effective date of this act.

(d) Any violation of this section shall constitute a class B misdemeanor.

**History:** L. 1974, ch. 372, § 3; L. 1980, ch. 242, § 16; L. 1986, ch. 340, § 1; L. 1989, ch. 276, § 2; July 1.