

HOUSE BILL 103

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Temporary License to Practice Social**
3 **Work**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners, under
5 certain circumstances, to issue a temporary license to practice social work; and
6 generally relating to a temporary license to practice social work.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Health Occupations
9 Section 19–101(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 19–101(e) and 19–310(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Health Occupations

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 19–101(u) and 19–309.1
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Health Occupations**

7 19–101.

8 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (e) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise[, one]:

10 **(1) ONE** of four categories of licenses issued by the Board authorizing an
11 individual to practice:

12 **[(1)] (I)** Bachelor social work;

13 **[(2)] (II)** Master social work;

14 **[(3)] (III)** Certified social work; or

15 **[(4)] (IV)** Certified social work–clinical; **OR**

16 **(2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

17 **(U) “TEMPORARY LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD**
18 **UNDER, AND AS LIMITED BY, § 19–309.1 OF THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE:**

19 **(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR**

20 **(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.**

21 **19–309.1.**

22 **(A) IF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY FOR ANY REASON OR AN UNFORESEEN**
23 **CIRCUMSTANCE, ACT, OR OCCURRENCE PREVENTS AN EXAMINATION REQUIRED**
24 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FROM BEING AVAILABLE TO AN APPLICANT FOR A PERIOD OF**
25 **AT LEAST ~~7~~ 15 BUSINESS DAYS, THE BOARD ~~SHALL~~ MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY**
26 **LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO, EXCEPT FOR PASSING THE EXAMINATION, HAS MET**
27 **THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS**
28 **SUBTITLE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 19–302 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PRACTICE:**

1 **(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR**

2 **(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.**

3 **(B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE**
4 **HOLDER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION**
5 **OF A BOARD-APPROVED SUPERVISOR WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS**
6 **EFFECTIVE.**

7 **(C) A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS VALID UNTIL 180 DAYS AFTER THE**
8 **EXAMINATION BECOMES READILY AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT.**

9 **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE**
10 **BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE**
11 **HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
12 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR**
13 **THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD:**

14 **(1) WHETHER THE EXAMINATION WAS UNAVAILABLE AT ANY TIME**
15 **DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; AND**

16 **(2) IF THE EXAMINATION WAS UNAVAILABLE:**

17 **(I) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR A**
18 **TEMPORARY LICENSE DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE EXAMINATION;**

19 **(II) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED TO TAKE THE**
20 **EXAMINATION;**

21 **(III) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THAT WERE DELAYED IN**
22 **PROCESSING; AND**

23 **(IV) THE NUMBER OF TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED UNDER**
24 **THIS SECTION.**

25 19-310.

26 (a) Unless the Board agrees to accept the surrender of a license, a licensed social
27 worker **OR THE HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY LICENSE** may not surrender the license nor
28 may the license lapse by operation of law while the licensee is under investigation or while
29 charges are pending against the social worker.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.