

SENATE BILL 145

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By: **Senator West**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners, under certain
5 circumstances, to issue a temporary license to practice social work; and generally
6 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
19 Section 19–101(u) and 19–309.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Health Occupations**

25 19–101.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

3 (1) ONE of four categories of licenses issued by the Board authorizing an
4 individual to practice:

5 [(1)] (I) Bachelor social work;

6 [(2)] (II) Master social work;

7 [(3)] (III) Certified social work; or

8 [(4)] (IV) Certified social work—clinical; OR

9 (2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

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

12 (1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

13 (2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.

14 **19–309.1.**

15 (A) IF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY FOR ANY REASON OR AN UNFORESEEN
16 CIRCUMSTANCE, ACT, OR OCCURRENCE PREVENTS AN EXAMINATION REQUIRED
17 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FROM BEING AVAILABLE TO AN APPLICANT FOR A PERIOD OF
18 AT LEAST 7 BUSINESS DAYS, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN
19 APPLICANT WHO, EXCEPT FOR PASSING THE EXAMINATION, HAS MET THE
20 APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE
21 FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 19–302 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PRACTICE:

22 (1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

23 (2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.

24 (B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE
25 HOLDER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION
26 OF A BOARD–APPROVED SUPERVISOR WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS
27 EFFECTIVE.

28 (C) A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS VALID UNTIL 180 DAYS AFTER THE

1 **EXAMINATION BECOMES READILY AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT.**

2 19–310.

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

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