



The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

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TO: The Honorable Melony Griffith, Chair
Members, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan

FROM: Judith Gallant, LCSW-C, Chair, Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

DATE: February 7, 2023

RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 187 – *Health Occupations – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants*

The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition (Mdcswc), sponsored by the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, represents the interests of more than 9,300 licensed clinical social workers in Maryland. On behalf of Mdcswc, we **support** Senate Bill 187.

The bill prohibits a professional board from denying a license to an immigrant, if the person otherwise meets all educational, training, and professional requirements for licensure. During a time when Maryland is facing a health care workforce shortage, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, this bill takes a commonsense approach for increasing the pipeline of qualified candidates. Mdcswc supports a diverse workforce and supports Senate Bill 187.

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