

**Written Testimony from Dean Postmus in favor of SB 145 and HB 103:**  
State Board of Social Work Examiners - Temporary License to Practice Social Work  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
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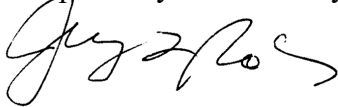
Dear Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

Thank you for your support and efforts in providing opportunities for our State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue temporary licenses to practice social work.

The University of Maryland, School of Social Work appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of SB 145 and HB 103. These bills authorize the State Board of Social Work Examiners, under specified circumstances, to issue a temporary license to an applicant who, except for passing the required examination, has otherwise completed the education and experience requirements for a license to practice bachelor or master social work. We graduate on average 450 MSWs each year and represent an extensive, skilled, and dedicated workforce of social workers in Maryland. We support all efforts to provide temporary licenses under specified circumstances.

With Social Work workforce shortages across the nation, it is imperative for us all to work together to find responsible resolutions. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in favor of SB 145 and HB 103 to allow temporary licenses.

Respectfully submitted by



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