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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT FOR HB 1289 State Board of Social Work Examiners (SBSWE) – PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK – DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

HB937 amends and expands the definition of “practice of social work” to clarify the scope of practice and codify the duties of a LCSW-C. It further supports and sets forth the authority of the SBSWE to adopt regulations that outline the requirements for engaging in the practice of social work that are not already in statute or regulations.

Among my panel here today is Mr. Arthur Flax, a long-time practitioner of Social Work in Maryland. His knowledge, training and experience is the foundation for his unrelenting efforts in bolstering the ethical and responsible practice of social work, while expanding the parameters of the practice for every LCSW-C in Maryland.

HB 937 expands the definition of “practice of social work” for a licensed LCSW-C to include: 1) Authorizing Sick Leave in certain situations.

- 2) Certifying involuntary admissions in accordance with law
- 3) Certifying competency in accordance with law
- 4) Determining Eligibility for disability in certain situations
- 5) Determining Eligibility for Mobility programs
- 6) Acting as a Health Care Provider in certain situations
- 7) Acting as an authorized provider for the purposes of Worker’s Comp

Expanding the scope of authority and the practice of social work would alleviate the shortage of health care providers in certain situations and provide crisis intervention when most needed.

It’s a no brainer... Please enter a FAVORABLE REPORT for HB1289