

# SENATE BILL 794

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By: **Senator West**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Continuing Education Programs –**  
3 **Approval of Authorized Sponsors**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners to establish a  
5 process to review and approve certain persons as authorized sponsors of social work  
6 continuing education programs, subject to a certain requirement; and generally  
7 relating to authorized sponsors of continuing education programs for social workers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 19–205

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 19–205.

17 **(A)** In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board  
18 has the following powers and duties:

19 (1) To adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;

20 (2) To adopt a code of ethics;

21 (3) To adopt an official seal;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) To hold hearings and keep records and minutes necessary for the  
2 orderly conduct of business;

3           (5) To issue a list annually of all currently licensed social workers and all  
4 social workers disciplined by the Board in the past year in accordance with § 4–333 of the  
5 General Provisions Article; and

6           (6) To investigate an alleged violation of this title.

7           **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD**  
8 **SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE A PERSON SEEKING TO**  
9 **BECOME AN AUTHORIZED SPONSOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR**  
10 **SOCIAL WORKERS RENEWING A LICENSE UNDER § 19–308 OF THIS TITLE.**

11           **(2) THE AUTHORIZED SPONSOR APPROVAL PROCESS REQUIRED**  
12 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE**  
13 **PATHWAY FOR APPROVAL THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO HAVE THE**  
14 **APPROVAL OF A NATIONAL OR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION TO BE APPROVED BY THE**  
15 **BOARD AS AN AUTHORIZED SPONSOR.**

16           **(3) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
17 **SUBSECTION.**

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2024.