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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - Certified Licensed Social Workers-Clinical - Qualifications of**
3 **Applicants**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the required qualifications for certain social work licenses;
5 altering the date until which the Board of Social Work Examiners must waive the
6 examination requirement for applicants for certain social work licenses under
7 certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
8 relating to the required qualifications for certain social work licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Health Occupations
11 Section 19-302(d) and 19-305.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Health Occupations**

17 19-302.

18 (d) (1) An applicant for a certified social worker license shall have:

19 (i) A master's degree from an accredited college or university and
20 based on a graduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work
21 Education; and

22 (ii) 2 years of social work experience as a social worker where
23 face-to-face supervision is part of the employment contract and the supervisor is a
24 licensed certified social worker and is provided by and accountable to the employer after
25 receiving the master's degree.

26 (2) [An] (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
27 SUBSECTION, AN applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license shall have:

28 [(i)] 1. A master's degree in social work and documentation of
29 clinical course work from an accredited college or university and based on a graduate
30 social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

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1 [(ii)] 2. 2 years of supervised clinical social work experience of at
2 least 3,000 hours after receiving the master's degree with a minimum of 144 hours of
3 periodic direct face-to-face supervision provided in not less than 2 consecutive years and
4 not more than 6 consecutive years and where the supervision is part of the employment
5 contract and the supervisor is a licensed certified social worker-clinical and is provided by
6 and accountable to the employer.

7 (II) AN APPLICANT'S SUPERVISED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK
8 EXPERIENCE MAY BE SUPERVISED BY A SOCIAL WORKER WHO WAS A LICENSED
9 CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER ON JULY 1, 1993 BUT DID NOT OTHERWISE QUALIFY FOR
10 A WAIVER OF THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 19-305.1 OF THIS
11 SUBTITLE.

12 19-305.1.

13 Until January 1, [1995] 1999, the Board shall waive the examination requirements
14 of this title for an applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license if the applicant:

15 (1) Pays the application fee required by the Board under § 19-303 of this
16 subtitle;

17 (2) Was a licensed certified social worker on July 1, 1993; and

18 (3) Was eligible for inclusion on the vendorship list maintained by the Board
19 on July 1, 1993.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed
21 retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect applicants who applied on
22 or after January 1, 1995.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1997.