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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

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, without 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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article - Health Occupations

16 Section ~~19-302(d) and 19-305.1~~ 19-302(g)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Health Occupations**

22 19-302.

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

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

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

8 (2) ~~{An} (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS~~  
 9 ~~SUBSECTION, AN~~ applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license shall have:

10 ~~{(i)} 1.~~ A master's degree in social work and documentation of  
 11 clinical course work from an accredited college or university and based on a graduate  
 12 social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

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

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

24 (g) (1) If the supervision required for a certified social worker license under  
 25 subsection (d)(1) of this section was not available to the applicant while the applicant was  
 26 obtaining the required 2 years of experience, the Board may waive the supervision  
 27 requirement on the request of the applicant.

28 (2) UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2000, THE BOARD SHALL RECOGNIZE  
 29 SUPERVISION OF AN APPLICANT FOR A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL  
 30 LICENSE BY A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER WHO HAS PRACTICED SOCIAL  
 31 WORK FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS.

32 19-305.1.

33 Until January 1, ~~{1995} 1999~~, the Board shall waive the examination requirements  
 34 of this title for an applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license if the applicant:

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

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

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

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

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