

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1389 (Delegate Montague)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Health Occupations - Certified Licensed Social Workers-Clinical - Qualifications of Applicants

This enrolled bill specifies that until January 1, 2000, at the request of an applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license, the Board of Examiners of Social Work may waive the licensure requirement of supervision by a licensed certified social worker-clinical (LCSW-C) if: (1) the applicant obtained the required supervision in a setting in which a LCSW-C was not available to provide the supervision; and (2) the supervision was provided by a licensed certified social worker who has practiced for at least five years.

The bill will be applied retroactively to applications for a certified social worker-clinical (CSW-C) license made on or after January 1, 1995.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Current law requires all applicants for a certified social worker-clinical license to receive specified hours of clinical supervision from a LCSW-C. This bill would allow students, up until January 1, 2000, who received clinical supervision from a supervisor who is not a LCSW-C to qualify for a CSW-C license. To the extent that some of these individuals would be self-employed, the bill would facilitate entry for small businesses into the practice.

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