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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Clinical Social Workers - Qualifications for Licensure**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for a certified social worker-clinical
4 license to require a license applicant to have, as an alternative to a master's
5 degree and certain clinical course work and experience in social work, a master's
6 degree in psychology with certain clinical course work and experience in
7 psychology; and generally relating to the qualifications for licensure for clinical
8 social workers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Health Occupations
11 Section 19-302(d)(2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 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) (2) An applicant for a certified social worker-clinical license shall have:

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

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

1 (II) 1. A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND
2 DOCUMENTATION OF CLINICAL COURSE WORK FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR
3 UNIVERSITY AND BASED ON AN ACCREDITED GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM;
4 AND

5 2. 2 YEARS OF SUPERVISED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
6 EXPERIENCE OF AT LEAST 3,000 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE MASTER'S DEGREE
7 WITH A MINIMUM OF 144 HOURS OF PERIODIC FACE-TO-FACE SUPERVISION
8 PROVIDED IN NOT LESS THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AND NOT MORE THAN 6
9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AND WHERE THE SUPERVISION IS PART OF THE EMPLOYMENT
10 CONTRACT AND THE SUPERVISOR IS A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AND IS PROVIDED
11 BY AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE EMPLOYER.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 1998.