

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1313 (Delegate McHale. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Social Workers - Clinical Social Work - Definitions and Scope of Practice

This bill expands the scope of practice of clinical social workers to include the diagnosis and treatment, through psychotherapy, of mental or emotional disorders affecting individuals, families, or groups. The bill also prohibits the practice of clinical social work in Maryland unless the person is licensed by the State Board of Social Work Examiners. A licensed certified social worker or licensed graduate social worker may practice clinical social work only if directly supervised by a licensed certified clinical social worker. In addition, the bill provides that supervision under a licensed certified clinical social worker meets the supervision requirements necessary for licensure as a certified social worker.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Because the bill codifies existing practice and/or makes procedural changes, State finances would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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