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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Social Workers - Provisional Graduate Social Worker License**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain applicants for a provisional graduate social
4 worker license to meet certain qualifications; providing for the period of time
5 during which a certain license is valid; requiring that certain provisional
6 licensees be granted a graduate social worker license under certain
7 circumstances; and generally relating to a provisional graduate social worker
8 license.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Health Occupations
11 Section 19-302
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 (a) To obtain a license, an applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of
19 the Board that the applicant:

20 (1) Has submitted a complete written application in the form prescribed
21 by the Board;

22 (2) Is at least 18 years old;

23 (3) Is of good moral character;

24 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this title, has successfully passed an
25 examination or examinations prescribed by the Board pertinent to the license sought;

26 and

1 (5) Has paid all applicable fees specified by the Board relative to the
2 licensure process.

3 (b) To obtain a social work associate license, an applicant shall:

4 (1) Meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section; and

5 (2) Have received a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program
6 accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

7 (c) (1) To obtain a graduate social worker license, an applicant shall:

8 [(1)] (I) Meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section; and

9 [(2)] (II) Have received a master's degree from a program accredited by
10 the Council on Social Work Education.

11 (2) (I) TO OBTAIN A PROVISIONAL GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKER
12 LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL:

13 1. MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
14 SECTION; AND

15 2. HAVE RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM A PROGRAM
16 WHICH HAD RECEIVED FORMAL CANDIDACY STATUS FROM THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL
17 WORK EDUCATION AT THE TIME THE DEGREE WAS AWARDED.

18 (II) A PROVISIONAL GRADUATE SOCIAL WORK LICENSE SHALL BE
19 ISSUED FOR THE LESSER OF A PERIOD:

20 1. NOT TO EXCEED 3 YEARS; OR

21 2. UNTIL THE PROGRAM HAS ATTAINED ACCREDITED
22 STATUS FROM THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION.

23 (III) PROVISIONAL LICENSEES WHOSE DEGREE PROGRAMS BECOME
24 ACCREDITED DURING THE LICENSE PERIOD SHALL BE GRANTED A GRADUATE
25 SOCIAL WORK LICENSE IMMEDIATELY UPON ACCREDITATION.

26 (d) To obtain a certified social worker license, an applicant shall:

27 (1) Meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section;

28 (2) Have received a master's degree from a program accredited by the
29 Council on Social Work Education; and

30 (3) Provide in a form prescribed by the Board, documentation of having
31 completed 2 years as a licensee with supervised experience of at least 3,000 hours
32 after receiving the master's degree with a minimum of 144 hours of periodic
33 face-to-face supervision in the practice of social work under the terms and conditions
34 that the Board determines by regulation.

1 (e) To obtain a certified social worker-clinical license, an applicant shall:

2 (1) Meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section;

3 (2) Have received a master's degree in social work and documentation of
4 clinical course work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work
5 Education; and

6 (3) Provide in a form prescribed by the Board, documentation of having
7 completed 2 years as a licensee with supervised experience of at least 3,000 hours
8 after receiving the master's degree with a minimum of 144 hours of periodic
9 face-to-face supervision in the assessment, formulation of a diagnostic impression,
10 and treatment of mental disorders and other conditions and the provision of
11 psychotherapy under the terms and conditions that the Board determines by
12 regulation.

13 (f) If the supervision required for a certified social worker license under
14 subsection (d)(3) of this section was not available to the applicant while the applicant
15 was obtaining the required 2 years of experience, the Board may waive the
16 supervision requirement on the request of the applicant.

17 (g) If an applicant who is licensed or registered to practice social work in
18 another state has obtained 2 years of supervised experience under circumstances that
19 are otherwise equivalent to those required under subsection (d) of this section, the
20 Board may waive the supervision requirement.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2002.