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By: **Senator Conway**  
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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - State Board of Social Work Examiners - License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain licensing requirements relating to the  
4 practice of social work do not apply to individuals who are licensed in any other  
5 state or possess certain qualifications, have a certain application pending before  
6 the State Board of Social Work Examiners, and meet certain requirements  
7 established in regulations; prohibiting a certain individual from practicing  
8 social work without a license for more than a certain number of months; and  
9 generally relating to licensing requirements to practice social work.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Health Occupations  
12 Section 19-301  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Health Occupations**

18 19-301.

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be:

20 (1) Licensed by the Board before the individual may practice social work  
21 in this State while representing oneself as a social worker;

22 (2) Licensed as a certified social worker-clinical before the individual  
23 may practice clinical social work in this State.

24 (b) This section does not apply to:

25 (1) An individual employed by any agency of the federal government  
26 while performing the duties of that employment, unless the individual chooses to  
27 apply for a license under this subtitle; [or]

1           (2)     An individual licensed as a social worker in another state while  
2 responding to an emergency in this State; OR

3           (3)     AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

4                   (I)     IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN ANY OTHER STATE  
5 OR POSSESSES SOCIAL WORK QUALIFICATIONS COMPARABLE TO § 19-302 OF THIS  
6 SUBTITLE;

7                   (II)    HAS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE PENDING BEFORE THE  
8 BOARD; AND

9                   (III)   MEETS REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD IN  
10 REGULATIONS.

11   (C)     AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK WITHOUT A LICENSE  
12 UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS.

13   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2003.