

SENATE BILL 848

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(8lr2457)

ENROLLED BILL

*—Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government
Operations—*

Introduced by **Senator Conway**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners - Membership - Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the State Board of Social Work
4 Examiners; requiring a certain member of the ~~State Board of Social Work~~
5 ~~Examiners~~ to be primarily engaged in social worker education at a certain
6 program and be nominated from a certain list of names, subject to a certain
7 exception; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health Occupations
10 Section 19–202(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 19–202.

5 (a) (1) The Board consists of ~~11~~ 12 members.

6 (2) Of the ~~11~~ 12 Board members:

7 (i) ~~9~~ 10 shall be licensed social workers of whom:

8 1. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a
9 licensed social work associate;

10 2. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a
11 licensed graduate social worker at the time of appointment;

12 3. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, at least 1
13 is a licensed certified social worker;

14 4. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, at least 4
15 are licensed certified social workers–clinical; [and]

16 5. 1 is a licensed social worker employed by the
17 Department of Human Resources; and

18 **6. SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS**
19 **SUBSECTION, 1 IS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER ~~PRIMARILY~~ WHO IS:**

20 **A. ~~PRIMARILY~~ ENGAGED IN SOCIAL WORKER**
21 **EDUCATION AT AN ACCREDITED A SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND IS NOMINATED**
22 **FROM A LIST OF NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION**
23 **COMMISSION ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION;**
24 **AND**

25 **B. ~~NOMINATED FROM A LIST OF NAMES SUBMITTED~~**
26 **BY THE DEANS AND DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**
27 **PROGRAMS; AND**

28 (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

29 (3) If a licensed social work associate, a licensed graduate social
30 worker, a licensed certified social worker, ~~or~~ a licensed certified social worker–clinical,
31 **OR A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER** is not appointed to the Board under paragraph

1 (2)(i) of this subsection within 6 months of a vacancy, a licensee of any license level
2 shall be appointed immediately if that licensee is qualified to be a member of the
3 Board under subsections (b) and (d) of this section.

4 (4) The Governor shall appoint all members of the Board with the
5 advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

6 (5) The Governor shall appoint all social work members of the Board
7 from a list of nominees containing names submitted by:

8 (i) Professional social work associations in the State;

9 (ii) Any person who provides a statement of nomination signed
10 by at least 25 social workers licensed in the State; or

11 (iii) The secretaries of public agencies of the State where social
12 workers are employed.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.