

SENATE BILL 848

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By: **Senator Conway**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain member of the State Board of Social Work
4 Examiners to be primarily engaged in social worker education at a certain
5 program; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

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

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

13 **Article – Health Occupations**

14 19–202.

15 (a) (1) The Board consists of 11 members.

16 (2) Of the 11 Board members:

17 (i) 9 shall be licensed social workers of whom:

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

7 **6. 1 IS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER PRIMARILY**
8 **ENGAGED IN SOCIAL WORKER EDUCATION AT AN ACCREDITED SOCIAL WORK**
9 **PROGRAM; AND**

10 (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

11 (3) If a licensed social work associate, a licensed graduate social
12 worker, a licensed certified social worker, or a licensed certified social worker—clinical
13 is not appointed to the Board under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection within 6
14 months of a vacancy, a licensee of any license level shall be appointed immediately if
15 that licensee is qualified to be a member of the Board under subsections (b) and (d) of
16 this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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