

CHAPTER 227

(Senate Bill 848)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Social Work Examiners – Membership – Qualifications

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

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

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

Article – Health Occupations

19–202.

- (a) (1) The Board consists of ~~11~~ 12 members.
- (2) Of the ~~11~~ 12 Board members:
- (i) ~~9~~ 10 shall be licensed social workers of whom:
1. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a licensed social work associate;
 2. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a licensed graduate social worker at the time of appointment;
 3. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, at least 1 is a licensed certified social worker;
 4. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, at least 4 are licensed certified social workers–clinical; [and]

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

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

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

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

(ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

(3) If a licensed social work associate, a licensed graduate social worker, a licensed certified social worker, ~~or~~ a licensed certified social worker-clinical, **OR A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER** is not appointed to the Board under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection within 6 months of a vacancy, a licensee of any license level shall be appointed immediately if that licensee is qualified to be a member of the Board under subsections (b) and (d) of this section.

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

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

(i) Professional social work associations in the State;

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.