

SENATE BILL 628

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By: **Senators Dyson and Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2009

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Licensure of Social Workers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners to notify
4 applicants for licensure whether the applicants have been approved to take a
5 certain examination within a certain time period; altering certain requirements
6 for a waiver of examination requirements for certain applicants who are
7 licensed or registered to practice social work in other states; and generally
8 relating to the licensure of social workers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health Occupations
11 Section 19–303 and 19–305
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 19–303.

18 (a) To apply for a license, an applicant shall:

19 (1) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board
20 requires; and

21 (2) Pay to the Board the application fee set by the Board.

22 (b) The Board shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Review each application; and

2 (2) Notify each applicant whether the applicant has been approved to
3 take the pertinent licensure examination within [a reasonable time frame as defined
4 in regulations] **30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE APPLICANT SUBMITTED AN**
5 **APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.**

6 19-305.

7 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board shall waive the
8 examination requirements of this title for an applicant who is licensed or registered to
9 practice social work in any other state.

10 (b) [The] **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF**
11 **THIS SECTION, THE** Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the
12 applicant:

13 (1) Is of good moral character;

14 (2) Pays the application fee required by the Board under § 19-303 of
15 this subtitle;

16 (3) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

17 (i) Meets the qualifications comparable to those required by
18 this title;

19 (ii) Is currently licensed or registered in another state;

20 (iii) [Became] **HAS BEEN** licensed or registered **AND IN GOOD**
21 **STANDING** in another state [under requirements substantially equivalent to the
22 requirements of this title] **FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS BEFORE THE DATE THE**
23 **APPLICANT SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD;** and

24 (iv) Became licensed or registered in the other state after
25 passing in that or any other state an examination [that is the same as the
26 examination for which the applicant is seeking the waiver] **TO BE LICENSED OR**
27 **REGISTERED AS A SOCIAL WORKER;** and

28 (4) Did not previously receive a waiver of the examination
29 requirement from the Board.

30 (c) **SUBSECTION (B)(3)(IV) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN**
31 **APPLICANT WHO WAS LICENSED OR REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE BEFORE**
32 **JANUARY 1, 1991.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2009.