

HOUSE BILL 927

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Out–of–State Applicants – Licensure**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain applicants for licensure as a certain social
4 worker or a certain social worker–clinical from certain requirements under
5 certain circumstances; requiring certain applicants to meet certain
6 requirements, hold certain licensure or registration, have passed certain
7 examinations, and have performed certain practice over a certain period of time;
8 repealing the requirement that the State Board of Social Work Examiners
9 waive certain examination requirements under certain circumstances; and
10 generally relating to the licensure of out–of–state applicants for licensure as a
11 certified social worker or a certified social worker–clinical.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Health Occupations

14 Section 19–302(a) and (g)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2009 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Health Occupations

19 Section 19–302(d) and (e)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Health Occupations
3 Section 19–302.1
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2009 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing
7 Article – Health Occupations
8 Section 19–305
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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 19–302.

15 (a) To obtain a license, an applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of
16 the Board that the applicant:

17 (1) Has submitted a complete written application in the form
18 prescribed by the Board;

19 (2) Is at least 18 years old;

20 (3) Is of good moral character;

21 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this title, has successfully passed
22 an examination or examinations prescribed by the Board pertinent to the license
23 sought; and

24 (5) Has paid all applicable fees specified by the Board relative to the
25 licensure process.

26 (d) **[To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 19–302.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO**
27 obtain a certified social worker license, an applicant shall:

28 (1) Meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section;

29 (2) Have received a master’s degree from a program accredited by the
30 Council on Social Work Education or an equivalent organization approved by the
31 Council on Social Work Education; and

32 (3) **[Provide] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS**
33 **SECTION, PROVIDE** in a form prescribed by the Board, documentation of having

1 completed 2 years as a licensee with supervised experience of at least 3,000 hours
2 after receiving the master's degree with a minimum of 144 hours of periodic
3 face-to-face supervision in the practice of social work under the terms and conditions
4 that the Board determines by regulation.

5 (e) **[To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 19-302.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO**
6 obtain a certified social worker-clinical license, an applicant shall:

7 (1) Meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section;

8 (2) Have received a master's degree in social work and documentation
9 of clinical course work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work
10 Education or an equivalent organization approved by the Council on Social Work
11 Education; and

12 (3) Provide in a form prescribed by the Board, documentation of
13 having completed 2 years as a licensee with supervised experience of at least 3,000
14 hours after receiving the master's degree with a minimum of 144 hours of periodic
15 face-to-face supervision in the assessment, formulation of a diagnostic impression,
16 and treatment of mental disorders and other conditions and the provision of
17 psychotherapy under the terms and conditions that the Board determines by
18 regulation.

19 (g) If an applicant who is licensed or registered to practice social work in
20 another state has obtained 2 years of supervised experience under circumstances that
21 are otherwise equivalent to those required under subsection (d) of this section, the
22 Board may waive the supervision requirement.

23 **19-302.1.**

24 **TO OBTAIN A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE OR A CERTIFIED**
25 **SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL LICENSE, AN OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANT SHALL:**

26 (1) **MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 19-302(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

27 (2) **BE LICENSED OR REGISTERED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN**
28 **ANOTHER STATE AT A LEVEL OF LICENSURE THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO A**
29 **CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER LICENSE OR A CERTIFIED SOCIAL**
30 **WORKER-CLINICAL LICENSE;**

31 (3) **HAVE PASSED AN EXAMINATION IN THAT STATE AS A**
32 **CONDITION OF LICENSURE; AND**

33 (4) **HAVE PERFORMED AT LEAST 1,000 HOURS OF COMPENSATED**
34 **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE PER YEAR FOR 5 YEARS OUT OF THE 10 YEARS**
35 **PRECEDING APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.**

1 [19–305.

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

5 (b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

6 (1) Is of good moral character;

7 (2) Pays the application fee required by the Board under § 19–303 of
8 this subtitle;

9 (3) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

10 (i) Meets the qualifications comparable to those required by
11 this title;

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

13 (iii) Became licensed or registered in another state under
14 requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this title; and

15 (iv) Became licensed or registered in the other state after
16 passing in that or any other state an examination that is the same as the examination
17 for which the applicant is seeking the waiver; and

18 (4) Did not previously receive a waiver of the examination
19 requirement from the Board.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.