

SB0986/794735/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 986
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “practice;” insert “authorizing the Board to reject a certain application and require certain additional supervision if the Board makes a certain determination;”; strike beginning with “submit” in line 23 down through “completed” in line 24 and substitute “attest that the licensee has submitted to”; in line 25, after “law;” insert “requiring the Board, in using information obtained from the Central Repository to determine whether to take disciplinary action against a certain licensee, to consider certain factors; authorizing the Board to renew a license only if a licensee attests that the licensee has submitted to a State and national criminal history records check;”; in line 30, strike “renew;”; and in line 31, strike “renewing;”.

On page 2, in line 14, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 17, strike “**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**” and substitute “**DECEMBER 31, 2017**”; and in line 19, strike “**OCTOBER 1, 2017**” and substitute “**JANUARY 1, 2018**”.

On page 4, in lines 1, 12, and 24, in each instance, strike “**(1)**”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 11, inclusive; strike in their entirety lines 16 through 23, inclusive; and in line 25, strike “**SEPTEMBER 31, 2017**” and substitute “**DECEMBER 31, 2017**”.

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On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 7, inclusive; in line 8, strike “(1)”; in lines 10 and 14, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 22, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 14, after the semicolon insert “OR”; strike lines 15 and 16 in their entirety; in line 17, strike “(XV)” and substitute “(XIV)”; in line 19, strike the bracket; in the same line, after “worker” insert “ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017, OR AS A MASTER SOCIAL WORKER”; in line 23, strike “direct”; in line 26, strike “mental disorders” and substitute “BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, ADDICTIVE DISORDERS, AND MENTAL DISORDERS,”; and in line 27, strike “direct”.

On page 7, in line 4, strike “direct”; in lines 7 and 13, in each instance, strike “mental disorders” and substitute “BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS, INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, ADDICTIVE DISORDERS, AND MENTAL DISORDERS,”; in line 8, strike “direct”; in line 17, strike the bracket; in line 18, strike “(2)” and substitute “(5)”; in line 23, strike “IN” and substitute “:

(1) IN;

and in line 24, after “REIMBURSEMENT” insert “;OR

(2) ON A PRO BONO BASIS AS DETERMINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 11, in line 1, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; in lines 5, 7, and 8, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “1.”, “2.”, and “3.”, respectively; after line 13, insert:

“(II) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A LICENSED BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER OR A LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER WHO APPLIES TO THE BOARD TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF INDEPENDENT PRACTICE HAS NOT COMPLETED THE SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I)3 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY:

1. REJECT THE APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTICE; AND

2. REQUIRE THE LICENSED BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER OR THE LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER TO CONTINUE TO WORK UNDER SUPERVISION AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1,500 HOURS BEFORE REAPPLYING.”;

in line 20, strike “OCTOBER 1, 2007” and substitute “JANUARY 1, 2008”; in line 23, after “HAS” insert “ACTIVELY”; in the same line, after “WORK,” insert “ACTIVELY”; and in line 24, after “OR” insert “ACTIVELY”.

On page 14, in line 21, strike “SEPTEMBER 30, 2019” and substitute “DECEMBER 31, 2019”; in line 24, strike “OCTOBER 1, 2019” and substitute “JANUARY 1, 2020”; and in line 28, strike “direct”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 15, in line 1, after “PRACTICE” insert “WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL”; in line 19, strike “and”; in line 21, strike the brackets; in line 24, strike “(III)” and substitute “(4)”; and strike beginning with “SATISFACTORY” in line 25 down through “COMPLETED” in line 26 and substitute “ATTESTS THAT THE LICENSEE HAS SUBMITTED TO”.

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On page 16, in lines 7 and 8, strike “TO RENEW A LICENSE” and substitute “DISCIPLINARY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN, BASED ON THE CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION, AGAINST A LICENSEE WHO RENEWED A LICENSE”; in line 17, strike “NOT”; strike beginning with “IF” in line 17 down through “REQUIRED” in line 18 and substitute “ONLY IF THE LICENSEE ATTESTS THAT THE LICENSEE HAS SUBMITTED TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK”; and in line 19, strike “HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 21, in lines 21 and 25, in each instance, strike “September 30, 2017” and substitute “December 31, 2017”; after line 28, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2018, the State Board of Social Work Examiners shall adopt regulations to implement Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2018.”;

in line 29, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 4 of this Act.”.