

HOUSE BILL 173

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By: **Delegate Bagnall**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Temporary License to Practice Social**
3 **Work**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a
5 temporary license to practice social work; and generally relating to a temporary
6 license to practice social work.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Health Occupations

9 Section 19–101(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health Occupations

14 Section 19–101(e) and 19–310(a)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2021 Replacement Volume)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Health Occupations

19 Section 19–101(u) and 19–309.1

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

24 **Article – Health Occupations**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 19–101.

2 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (e) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise[, one]:

4 (1) ONE of four categories of licenses issued by the Board authorizing an
5 individual to practice:

6 [(1)] (I) Bachelor social work;

7 [(2)] (II) Master social work;

8 [(3)] (III) Certified social work; or

9 [(4)] (IV) Certified social work–clinical; OR

10 (2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

11 (U) “TEMPORARY LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD
12 UNDER, AND AS LIMITED BY, § 19–309.1 OF THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE:

13 (1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

14 (2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.

15 19–309.1.

16 (A) IF AN EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS UNAVAILABLE
17 TO AN APPLICANT FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 7 DAYS, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A
18 TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO, EXCEPT FOR PASSING THE
19 EXAMINATION, HAS MET THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
20 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 19–302 OF THIS
21 SUBTITLE TO PRACTICE:

22 (1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

23 (2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.

24 (B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE
25 HOLDER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION
26 OF A BOARD–APPROVED SUPERVISOR WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS
27 EFFECTIVE.

28 (C) A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS VALID UNTIL 90 DAYS AFTER THE

1 **EXAMINATION BECOMES READILY AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT.**

2 19–310.

3 (a) Unless the Board agrees to accept the surrender of a license, a licensed social
4 worker **OR THE HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY LICENSE** may not surrender the license nor
5 may the license lapse by operation of law while the licensee is under investigation or while
6 charges are pending against the social worker.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2022.