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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 871
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Licensure Examinations – Moratorium**” and substitute “**Sunset Extension, Notification of Complete Application,**”; in the same line, after “**Workgroup**” insert “**on Social Worker Examination Requirements for Licensure**”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “workgroup” in line 4 and substitute “continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board, within certain time periods, to notify an applicant of whether the application is complete; establishing the Workgroup on Social Worker Examination Requirements for Licensure”; in line 8, after “to” insert “the State Board of Social Work Examiners and”; after line 9, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 19–201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)”;

strike line 12 in its entirety and substitute “Section 19–303 and 19–502”; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 22, insert:

“19–201.

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There is a State Board of Social Work Examiners in the Department.

19-303.

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

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

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

(b) The Board shall:

(1) Review each application; [and]

(2) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION AND AFTER THE RECEIPT OF SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION, NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF WHETHER THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE; AND

[(2)] (3) Notify each applicant whether the applicant has been approved to take the pertinent licensure examination within 60 days from the date the Board received a completed application from the applicant.

19-502.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the MARYLAND Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2024] 2025.”.

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 25 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 26, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in line 27, strike “The Maryland Department of Health shall establish a workgroup to:” and substitute “There is a Workgroup on Social Worker Examination Requirements for Licensure.”

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

(4) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) the Chair of the State Board of Social Work Examiners, or the Chair’s designee;

(6) the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Health Equity, or the Chair’s designee;

(7) one representative of the Baltimore Legacy Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers, designated by the Baltimore Legacy Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers;

(8) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, designated by the Executive Director of the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers;

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(9) one member from the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, designated by the President of the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work;

(10) two representatives of the Association of Social Work Boards, designated by the President of the Association of Social Work Boards; and

(11) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) three Deans of Social Work from accredited social work master's programs serving the State, one of which shall be from a historically Black college or university;

(ii) three representatives from nongovernmental social service organizations that primarily work to support Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore;

(iii) two individuals who received a master's degree in social work within the immediately preceding 10 years and who have been negatively impacted by the examination requirement for licensure under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article; and

(iv) a representative of Gallaudet University.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

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(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

On page 5, in line 1, strike “; and” and substitute a period; in line 2, strike “(3)” and substitute “(g)”; in the same line, strike “on” and substitute “On”; in the same line, after “2023,” insert “the Workgroup shall”; in the same line, strike “the” and substitute “its preliminary”; in line 3, strike “of the workgroup”; after line 5, insert:

“(h) On or before July 1, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its final findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”;

strike in their entirety lines 6 through 17, inclusive; in line 18, strike “5.” and substitute “3.”; and strike beginning with “That” in line 18 down through “effect” in line 25 and substitute “That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2025, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.