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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 145
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator West**” and substitute “**Senators West and M. Washington**”; in line 2, strike “**Temporary License**” substitute “**Conditional and Temporary Licenses**”; in line 4, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in line 5, strike “temporary” and substitute “conditional”; in the same line, after “social work,” insert “authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a temporary license to practice social work to certain applicants who meet certain requirements;”; in line 6, strike “a temporary license” and substitute “conditional and temporary licenses”; in line 19, strike “19–101(u) and” and substitute “19–101(c–1) and (u).”; and in the same line, after “19–309.1” insert “, and 19–309.2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 1, insert:

“(C–1) “CONDITIONAL LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER, AND AS LIMITED BY, § 19–309.1 OF THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE:

(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.”;

in line 8, strike “OR”; in line 9, after “BOARD” insert “; OR

(3) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD”;

in line 11, strike “§ 19–309.1” and substitute “§ 19–309.2”; in line 18, strike “7” and substitute “15”; in lines 18, 24, 26, and 28, in each instance, strike “TEMPORARY” and substitute “CONDITIONAL”; and in line 18, strike “SHALL” and substitute “MAY”.

On page 3, after line 1, insert:

“(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12–MONTH PERIOD:

(1) WHETHER THE EXAMINATION WAS UNAVAILABLE AT ANY TIME DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; AND

(2) IF THE EXAMINATION WAS UNAVAILABLE:

(i) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR A CONDITIONAL LICENSE DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE EXAMINATION;

(ii) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION;

(iii) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THAT WERE DELAYED IN PROCESSING; AND

(iv) THE NUMBER OF CONDITIONAL LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.

19–309.2.

(A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO, EXCEPT FOR PASSING AN EXAMINATION OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, HAS MET THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 19-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PRACTICE:

(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK.

(B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE ONLY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIFIC CATEGORY OF LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.

(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS VALID UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

(I) NOTIFICATION OF PERMANENT LICENSURE; OR

(II) 2 YEARS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE TEMPORARY LICENSE WAS ISSUED.

(2) THE BOARD MAY RENEW A TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM ONLY:

(I) ON THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OR PROCLAMATION;

(II) FOR A SERVICE MEMBER OR MILITARY SPOUSE UNDER § 1-703 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

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(III) FOR GOOD CAUSE ON THE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION OF ONE LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER AND ONE BOARD-APPROVED SUPERVISOR OF THE TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDER.;

in line 4, after “A” insert “CONDITIONAL OR”; and strike beginning with “shall” in line 7 down through “2023” in line 8, and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through July 1, 2025, and, at the end of July 1, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.