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By: Delegate Bhandari

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning					
2 3	State Board of Social Work Examiners – Board Membership and Certified Social Worker Licenses					
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners; repealing obsolete references to certified social worker licenses; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.					
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Health Occupations Section 19–101(a) and (b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)					
12 13 14 15 16	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health Occupations Section 19–202(a), 19–302.1, and 19–309(d)(6) Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)					
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
19	Article - Health Occupations					
20	19–101.					
21	(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.					
22	(b) "Board" means the State Board of Social Work Examiners.					

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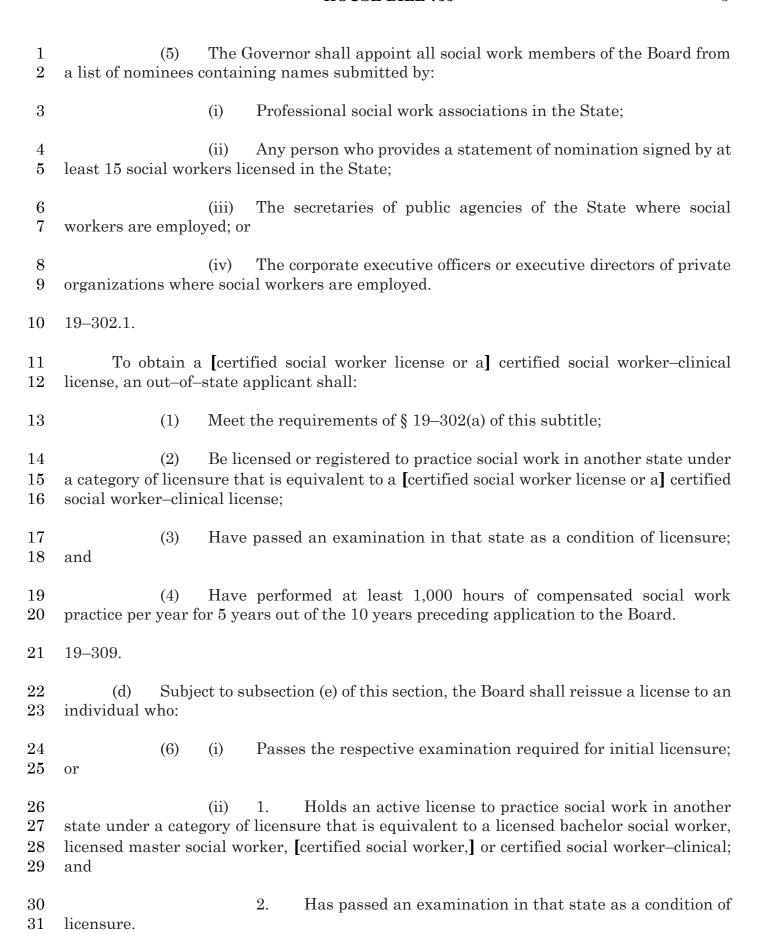
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1	(a)	(1)	The I	Board o	consists of 12 members.	
2	(2) Of the 12 Board members:					
3			(i)	10 sh	all be licensed social workers of whom:	
$\frac{4}{5}$	bachelor so	cial w	orker;	1.	Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a licensed	
6 7	2. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a license master social worker at the time of appointment;					
8				3.	Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, at least 1 is [a]:	
9				A.	A licensed certified social worker; OR	
10 11	B. A LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER WHO IS APPROVED FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTICE;					
12 13	licensed cer	rtified	social v	4. vorkers	Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, at least 4 are s-clinical;	
14 15	of Human S	Service	es; and	5.	1 is a licensed social worker employed by the Department	
16 17	social work	er who	is:	6.	Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a licensed	
18 19	work progra	am acc	credited	A. l by the	Primarily engaged in social worker education at a social e Council on Social Work Education; and	
20 21	and directo	rs of t	he Mar	B. yland S	Nominated from a list of names submitted by the deans Social Work Education Programs; and	
22			(ii)	2 sha	ll be consumer members.	
23 24 25 26 27 28	(3) If a [licensed bachelor social worker, a licensed master social worker, a licensed certified social worker, a licensed certified social worker—clinical, or a licensed social worker] LICENSEE OF THE SPECIFIED LICENSE CATEGORY is not appointed to the Board under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection within 3 months of a vacancy, a licensee of any license category shall be appointed immediately if that licensee is qualified to be a member of the Board under subsections (b) and (d) of this section.					
29		(4)	The (з̀overn	or shall appoint all members of the Board with the advice	

of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.



SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June $2\,$ $\,$ 1, 2024.