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### **Support for SB 597**

# Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

#### **State Board of Social Work Examiners - Revisions**

On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers, Maryland Chapter (NASW-MD), we would like to express our support for Senate Bill 597- State Board of Social Work Examiners - Revisions

This bill makes a number of revisions to the Social Work Practice Act.

NASW-MD, is the professional association which represents social workers in Maryland. There were some provisions in the original draft of the bill which concerned us. However, the bill sponsor brought the interested parties together and we appreciate the Board of Social Work Examiners for listening to our concerns and amending the original draft.

We believe that the current bill makes revisions which will be helpful and clarifying to our Practice Act and we are pleased to support it.

# We urge the committee to vote in favor of SB 597!

Thank you,

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