



The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

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TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair
Members, House Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Susan K. McComas

FROM: Judith Gallant, LCSW-C, Chair, Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1177 – *Courts – Expert Witnesses – Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical*

The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition (MdCSWC), sponsored by the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, represents the interests of more than 9,500 licensed clinical social workers in Maryland. On behalf of MdCSWC, we **support** House Bill 1177.

House Bill 1177 adds a Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical, licensed under the Maryland Social Workers Practice Act (Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 19-101 et.seq.) as someone who qualifies as an expert witness in a court or administrative hearing. Licensed clinical social workers are qualified to testify as expert witnesses on issues such as insanity, competency to stand trial, and other matters within their scope of practice. For this reason, MdCSWC supports House Bill 1177.

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