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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 871  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Workgroup**” insert “**on Social Worker Examination Requirements for Licensure**”; in line 4, strike “requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a workgroup” and substitute “**establishing the Workgroup on Social Worker Examination Requirements for Licensure**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, 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;

(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) the delegate or alternate delegate who represents the State in the Delegate Assembly of the Association of Social Work Boards; and

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

(i) two Deans of Social Work from accredited social work master's programs in 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, of who at least two shall be from organizations that have been impacted by the shortage of social workers; and

(iii) two individuals who received a master's degree in social work within the immediately preceding 5 years and who have been negatively impacted by

the examination requirement for licensure under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article.

(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

(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”; and strike in their entirety lines 6 through 15, inclusive.