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### 2024 SESSION POSITION PAPER

**BILL NO:** HB 755  
**COMMITTEE:** HGO  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT

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**TITLE:** State Board of Social Work Examiners – Board Membership and Certified Social Worker Licenses

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This bill alters the membership of the State Board of Social Work Examiners (the “Board”) by including a licensed master social worker who is approved for independent practice. It also repeals obsolete references to certified social worker licenses.

**POSITION AND RATIONALE:** The Board supports HB 755.

The certified social work license category is no longer being offered to applicants as of December 31, 2022. Therefore, references in statute to this license category, where appropriate, are being removed.

HB 755 is also aimed at ensuring the membership of the Board is representative of social work licensees. A social worker approved for independent practice is a comparable level of licensure as the licensed certified social worker (LCSW) and is required to complete the same number of supervision hours as the certified social worker to receive a license.

Thank you for considering this testimony. The Board of Social Work Examiners is respectfully requesting a favorable report on HB 755.

If you require additional information please contact Susan Coppage, Board Chair of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners at (410) 490-9933 or [susan.coppage@maryland.gov](mailto:susan.coppage@maryland.gov).

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