

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Revise Certain Provisions for Registration of Professional Social  
Workers.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 4192, amended.** The first paragraph of section 4192 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 65 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

To be eligible for certification as a registered social worker or an associate social worker, an applicant must be at least ~~24~~ 20 years of age, of good moral character and a resident of this State, and shall satisfactorily pass such examination as the board may prescribe by its rules and regulations.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 4193, amended.** The first sentence of section 4193 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 65 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Any person who on or before January 1, 1972 submits his application to the board on the prescribed form, pays the necessary fee and furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board that he is 20 years of age or over, of good moral character, a resident of this State, was employed as a social worker for 2 years out of the 5 years immediately preceding October 7, 1969, shall be registered by the board and certified as a registered or associate social worker without examination.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 4197, amended.** The first sentence of the last paragraph of section 4197 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 65 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The board, for reasons it may deem sufficient, may reissue a certificate of registration as a registered or associate social worker to any person whose certificate of registration has been revoked, provided ~~3~~ 4 or more members of the board vote in favor of such reissuance.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 4199, amended.** Section 4199 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 65 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

**Any moneys remaining in the Registered and Associate Workers' Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward to the credit of said fund for the succeeding year. Any moneys in the fund on the effective date of this Act, although accumulated from prior fiscal years, shall be carried forward for the current fiscal year.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Due to a regulation which was ruled illegal by the Attorney General, a substantial number of applicants for certification under the "grandfather" clause were denied certification and others potentially eligible did not apply because of the regulation. Such regulation was voided after the expiration of the 6 months' grace period. Thus an amendment is now necessary in order to cover those persons who would have been eligible to such certification.

The other amendments are to change the age of eligibility from 21 to 20 to comply with legal age of majority, and to provide a carryover of unexpended funds from year to year.