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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT Relating to the Social Worker
19 Registration Law.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7001, as amended by PL 1983, c.
24 805, §§4 and 5, is repealed.

25 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §7001-A is enacted to read:

26 §7001-A. Definitions

27 As used in this chapter, unless the context oth-
28 erwise indicates, the following terms have the fol-
29 lowing meanings.

30 1. Accredited educational institution. An "ac-
31 credited educational institution" is an institution
32 accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

1 2. Board. "Board" is the State Board of Social
2 Worker Registration.

3 3. Certified social worker - independent prac-
4 tice. A "certified social worker - independent prac-
5 tice" is a person who was licensed as a certified soc-
6 ial worker and permitted to engage in the independ-
7 ent practice of social work pursuant to section
8 7052, before January 1, 1985.

9 4. Clinical setting. A "clinical setting" is a
10 setting where mental disorders are evaluated, pre-
11 vented, diagnosed and treated using psychosocial
12 evaluation.

13 5. Consultation. "Consultation" is regularly
14 scheduled face-to-face case discussion and evaluation
15 focusing on raw data, goals and objectives from the
16 social worker's practice.

17 6. Licensed clinical social worker. A "licensed
18 clinical social worker" is a person who has received
19 a license as a clinical social worker from the board.

20 7. Licensed master social worker. A "licensed
21 master social worker" is a person who has received a
22 license as a master social worker from the board.

23 8. Licensed social worker. A "licensed social
24 worker" is a person who has received a license as a
25 licensed social worker from the board.

26 9. Private practice. "Private practice" is prac-
27 ticing social work on a self-employed basis.

28 10. Psychosocial evaluation. "Psychosocial eval-
29 uation" includes the determination and examination by
30 social workers of the psychosocial situation of an
31 individual or group related to interpersonal and
32 intrapersonal stress, family background, family in-
33 teraction, living arrangements and socioeconomic
34 problems and treatment, evaluation, plans and goals,
35 including the diagnosis of mental illness and emo-
36 tional disorders for the purpose of treatment and
37 therapeutic intervention, but excluding the diagnosis
38 of organic mental illness or treatment of any illness
39 by organic therapy, to the extent permitted by the

1 licensure provision of this chapter. In the process
2 of making a diagnosis and formulating a treatment
3 plan for mental illness or emotional disorder, the
4 social worker shall assure, consistent with rules to
5 be promulgated by the board, that the person is exam-
6 ined by a physician and may take into account the
7 physician's opinion in forming the psychosocial eval-
8 uation. When a person has been seen by a physician
9 within 3 months prior to seeking mental health treat-
10 ment, a telephone conversation between that physician
11 and the social worker may be held in lieu of the ex-
12 amination required by this subsection. The medical
13 visit or the telephone conversation shall be
14 documented in the clinical records of the person.
15 This requirement shall apply only in cases where
16 there is a presence of psychopathology. The board
17 shall define standards for implementation of this
18 subsection.

19 11. Social work. "Social work" means engaging in
20 psychosocial evaluation and intervention, including
21 therapy, to the extent permitted by the licensure
22 provisions of this chapter, to effect a change in the
23 feelings, attitudes and behavior of a client, whether
24 an individual, group or community. "Social work" al-
25 so means engaging in community organization, social
26 planning, administration and research.

27 Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §7002, first ¶, as amended by PL
28 1983, c. 805, §6, is repealed and the following en-
29 acted in its place:

30 Notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 4-A, any per-
31 son who makes a representation to the public or uses
32 the title of social worker, unless licensed by the
33 board, as a licensed clinical social worker, licensed
34 master social worker, certified social worker or a
35 licensed social worker, shall be subject to a fine of
36 not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. Any person
37 performing the functions of a social worker as a part
38 of a profession or occupation or in a voluntary ca-
39 capacity is not subject to this section.

40 Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §7003, as amended by PL 1985, c.
41 199, is repealed.

42 Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §7005, as amended by PL 1979, c.
43 733, §19, is further amended to read:

1 §7005. Communication between social workers and cli-
2 ents

3 Except at the request of, or with the consent of,
4 the client, no person ~~registered~~ licensed under this
5 chapter ~~shall~~ may be required to testify in any civil
6 or criminal action, suit or proceeding at law or in
7 equity respecting any information which he may have
8 acquired in providing social work services to the
9 client in a professional and contractual capacity if
10 that information was necessary to enable him to fur-
11 nish professional social work services to the client.
12 However, when the physical or mental condition of the
13 client is an issue in that action, suit or proceeding
14 or when a court in the exercise of sound discretion
15 deems the disclosure necessary to the proper adminis-
16 tration of justice, no information communicated to,
17 or otherwise learned by, that ~~registered~~ licensed
18 person in connection with the provision of social
19 work services ~~shall~~ may be privileged and disclosure
20 may be required.

21 Nothing in this section ~~shall~~ may prohibit dis-
22 closure by a person ~~registered~~ licensed under this
23 chapter of information concerning a client when that
24 disclosure is required by law and nothing in this
25 section ~~shall~~ may modify or affect the provisions of
26 Title 22, sections 4011 to 4015.

27 Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §7026, as amended by PL 1983, c.
28 812, §252, is further amended to read:

29 §7026. State Board of Social Worker Registration

30 The State Board of Social Worker Registration, as
31 established by Title 5, section 12004, subsection 1,
32 and within the Department of Business, Occupational
33 and Professional Regulation, shall administer this
34 chapter. The board shall consist of 8 7 members ap-
35 pointed by the Governor. ~~Four members of the board~~
36 ~~shall be certified social workers, 2 shall be regis-~~
37 ~~tered social workers, one shall be an associate so-~~
38 ~~cial worker~~ Three members of the board shall be li-
39 ~~censed clinical social workers, licensed master so-~~
40 ~~cial workers or certified social workers - independ-~~
41 ~~ent practice, at least one of whom must be practic-~~
42 ~~ing social work in a nonclinical setting; 2 shall be~~

1 licensed social workers and there shall be a 2 public
2 ~~member~~ members. Each level of licensure shall be
3 represented on the board. In addition, board members
4 shall meet the qualifications required under section
5 7027.

6 Appointments shall be for 3-year terms, except
7 that no more than 3 members' terms may expire in any
8 one calendar year and appointments for terms of less
9 than 3 years may be made in order to comply with this
10 limitation. No person may be eligible to serve more
11 than 3 2 full consecutive terms, provided that for
12 this purpose only a period actually served which ex-
13 ceeds 1/2 of the 3-year term shall be deemed a full
14 term. Upon expiration of a member's term, he shall
15 serve until his successor is qualified and appointed.
16 The successor's term shall be 3 years from the date
17 of the expiration, regardless of the date of his ap-
18 pointment. Any vacancy occurring prior to the expi-
19 ration of the specified term shall be filled by ap-
20 pointment for the unexpired term.

21 ~~Prior to the filling of any vacancies, the Govern-~~
22 ~~or may solicit recommendations of candidates from~~
23 ~~the Maine Chapter of the National Association of So-~~
24 ~~cial Workers and such other social welfare organiza-~~
25 ~~tions as he deems appropriate.~~

26 Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §7027, as repealed and replaced
27 by PL 1983, c. 413, §223, is amended to read:

28 §7027. Qualifications

29 Members of the board shall be residents of this
30 State, and shall be trustworthy and competent to ful-
31 fill the responsibilities imposed by this chapter.
32 Each board member other than the public ~~member~~
33 members shall have been engaged in the active prac-
34 tice of social work as ~~certified, registered or as-~~
35 ~~sociated social workers, respectively, a certified so-~~
36 cial worker - independent practice or licensed clinical,
37 licensed master or licensed social worker for
38 not less than 5 years prior to appointment.

39 The Governor may remove any member for cause.

40 Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §7029, as amended by PL 1983, c.
41 413, §224, is further amended to read:

1 §7029. Organization and meetings

2 The board shall annually elect a chairman, ~~vice-~~
3 ~~chairman and secretary-treasurer~~ and secretary from
4 its membership. The ~~secretary-treasurer~~ secretary
5 shall keep full and complete records of its proceed-
6 ings and accounts, which shall be open to public in-
7 spection at all reasonable times.

8 The board shall meet at least once a year to con-
9 duct its business and elect its officers. Additional
10 meetings shall be held as necessary to conduct the
11 business of the board, and may be convened at the
12 call of the chairman or a majority of the board mem-
13 bers. ~~Five~~ Four members of the board shall consti-
14 tute a quorum for the transaction of business.

15 The board shall adopt a seal for its use ~~which~~
16 ~~shall remain in the custody of the~~
17 ~~secretary-treasurer.~~ The seal and records shall be
18 kept at the Department of Business, Occupational and
19 Professional Regulation.

20 Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §7051, as amended by PL 1983, c.
21 805, §8, is further amended to read:

22 §7051. License required

23 In order to safeguard the life, health and wel-
24 fare of the people of this State, any person practic-
25 ing or offering to practice as a ~~clinical, certified,~~
26 ~~registered or associate social worker~~ certified so-
27 cial worker - independent practice or licensed clinical,
28 licensed master or licensed social worker shall
29 be required to submit evidence that he is qualified
30 to so practice and shall be ~~registered~~ licensed as
31 provided in this subchapter.

32 The board may grant a conditional license to any
33 person eligible to take the examination for licensure
34 while waiting to sit for the examination or to any
35 person who is waiting to retake the examination ac-
36 ording to rules issued by the board.

37 Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §7052, as amended by PL 1983,
38 c. 805, §9, is repealed.

1 Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §7053, as repealed and replaced
2 by PL 1983, c. 805, §10, is amended to read:

3 §7053. Qualifications

4 To be eligible for a license to practice as a
5 ~~clinical social worker and for certification as a~~
6 ~~certified social worker, registered social worker or~~
7 ~~an associate social worker~~ social work at any level,
8 an applicant shall be at least 18 years of age ~~and a~~
9 ~~resident of this State~~ and shall satisfactorily pass
10 any examination as the board may prescribe by its
11 rules. Each applicant shall demonstrate ~~that he is~~
12 ~~trustworthy and competent~~ trustworthiness and
13 competence to engage in the practice of social work
14 in such a manner as to safeguard the interests of the
15 public.

16 The following shall be considered as minimum evi-
17 dence satisfactory to the board that an applicant is
18 qualified for ~~registration and certification as a~~
19 ~~clinical, certified, registered or associate social~~
20 ~~worker, respectively~~ licensure under this chapter.

21 1. Licensed clinical social worker. As a li-
22 censed clinical social worker, an applicant shall
23 have received either a masters or doctoral degree in
24 social work or social welfare from an accredited edu-
25 cational institution; in a clinical concentration and
26 shall have subsequently completed 2 years of
27 supervised social work experience with 96 hours of
28 consultation in a clinical setting or shall have re-
29 ceived a masters or doctoral degree in social work in
30 a nonclinical concentration from an accredited educa-
31 tional institution and have subsequently completed 4
32 years of social work experience with 192 hours of
33 consultation in a clinical setting, shall have demon-
34 strated to the satisfaction of the board adherence to
35 the ethics of the social work profession and shall
36 have successfully completed the examination pre-
37 scribed by the board. The board shall issue rules de-
38 fining the clinical experience required for this lev-
39 el of licensure.

40 2. Licensed master social worker. As a
41 ~~certified licensed master~~ social worker, an applicant
42 shall have received either a masters or doctoral de-

1 gree in social work or social welfare from an accred-
2 ited educational institution, shall have demonstrated
3 to the satisfaction of the board adherence to the
4 ethics of the social work profession and shall have
5 successfully completed the examinations examination
6 prescribed by the board. After meeting these qualifi-
7 cations, the applicant shall receive a "licensed
8 master social worker" license. In addition, any per-
9 son wishing to practice social work in a clinical
10 setting shall receive a "licensed master social work-
11 er, conditional" license.

12 3. Licensed social worker. As a registered
13 licensed social worker, an applicant shall have re-
14 ceived a bachelor's degree in social work or social
15 welfare from an accredited educational institution,
16 shall have been employed in social work for a period
17 of at least one year subsequent to the receipt of a
18 bachelor's degree, shall have demonstrated to the
19 satisfaction of the board adherence to the ethics of
20 the social worker profession and shall have success-
21 fully completed the examination prescribed by the
22 board. The board shall issue rules by which an indi-
23 vidual who has a bachelors' degree in an area other
24 than social work or social welfare may be eligible
25 for a license.

26 4. Associate social worker. As an associate so-
27 cial worker, an applicant shall have been employed in
28 social work for not less than 6 years, or shall have
29 received a bachelor's degree from an accredited edu-
30 ational institution and shall have been employed in
31 social work for not less than 2 years, shall have
32 demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board adher-
33 ence to the ethics of the social work profession and
34 shall have successfully completed the examination
35 prescribed by the board.

36 Any person having the necessary qualifications
37 prescribed in this chapter to entitle him to
38 registration licensure as a licensed clinical, certi-
39 fied, registered or associate social worker licensed
40 master or licensed social worker shall be eligible
41 for that registration license though he may not be
42 practicing his profession at the time of making the
43 application.

1 Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §7053-A is enacted to read:

2 §7053-A. Functions

3 No social worker at any level may diagnose organic
4 mental illness or treat any illness by organic
5 therapy.

6 1. Licensed master social worker. Any licensed
7 master social worker may:

8 A. Engage in administration, research, consulta-
9 tion, social planning and teaching related to the
10 functions in this section;

11 B. Perform all the functions of a licensed so-
12 cial worker; and

13 C. Engage in a nonclinical private practice.

14 In addition to paragraphs A, B and C, a person hold-
15 ing a "licensed master social worker, conditional"
16 license may engage in psychosocial evaluation, in-
17 cluding diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and
18 emotional disorders, and provide clinical consulta-
19 tion to licensed social workers, social work stu-
20 dents, other professionals practicing related profes-
21 sions and paraprofessionals engaging in related ac-
22 tivities.

23 A "licensed master social worker, conditional" may
24 not engage in private clinical practice and must re-
25 ceive individual consultation 4 hours a month while
26 practicing social work in a clinical setting.

27 2. Licensed clinical social worker. A licensed
28 clinical social worker may:

29 A. Practice social work in a clinical setting
30 without consultation;

31 B. Engage in psychosocial evaluation, including
32 diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and
33 emotional disorders;

34 C. Engage in clinical private practice of social
35 work;

1 D. Perform all the functions of a licensed
2 master social worker; and

3 E. Engage in the clinical consultation of li-
4 icensed master social workers for the purpose of
5 preparing the licensed master social worker for
6 eventual licensed clinical social workers' status
7 or regular licensure. This includes responsibili-
8 ty for ongoing training and evaluation. The li-
9 icensed clinical social worker has an obligation
10 to assess the licensed master social worker's
11 competence and ethics and share this assessment
12 with the Board of Social Work Registration at the
13 time the licensed master social worker applieš
14 for the licensed clinical level.

15 3. Certified social worker - independent prac-
16 tice. A certified social worker - independent prac-
17 tice may:

18 A. Perform all the functions of a licensed
19 master social worker;

20 B. Practice social work in a clinical setting
21 without consultation; and

22 C. Engage in clinical private practice of social
23 work.

24 4. Licensed social worker. A licensed social
25 worker may:

26 A. Engage in psychosocial evaluation, excluding
27 the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness,
28 and conduct basic data gathering of records and
29 specific life issues of individuals, groups and
30 families, assess this data and formulate and im-
31 plement a plan to achieve specific goals related
32 to specific life issues;

33 B. Serve as an advocate for clients or groups of
34 clients for the purpose of achieving specific
35 goals relating to specific life issues;

36 C. Refer clients to other professional services;

37 D. Plan, manage, direct or coordinate social
38 services; and

1 E. Participate in training and education or so-
2 cial work students from an accredited institution
3 and supervise other licensed social workers.

4 A licensed social worker shall not engage in the pri-
5 vate practice of social work, diagnose mental illness
6 and emotional disorders or provide psychotherapy. A
7 licensed social worker with less than 2 years' expe-
8 rience must receive consultation from either a li-
9 icensed master social worker, a licensed clinical so-
10 cial worker or a certified social worker - indepen-
11 dent practice in a manner to be prescribed by the
12 board on a group or individual basis 4 hours a month.
13 Licensed social workers in health care facilities li-
14 icensed by the Department of Human Services shall re-
15 ceive consultation on a quarterly basis in a manner
16 prescribed by the department. The department staff
17 giving consultation to intermediate care facilities
18 must be on the master or clinical level by January 1,
19 1993.

20 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
21 licensed social workers employed by the Department of
22 Human Services shall receive consultation in a manner
23 to be prescribed by the department.

24 Sec. 13. 32 MRSA §7054, as amended by PL 1983,
25 c. 805, §11, is repealed.

26 Sec. 14. 32 MRSA §7054-A is enacted to read:

27 §7054-A. Licensure without examination

28 A person holding a certificate of registration or
29 license under the laws of another state, territory or
30 possession of the United States, the District of Co-
31 lumbia or of any foreign country, which is the equiv-
32 alent of a license as a licensed clinical, licensed
33 master or licensed social worker under this chapter
34 who, in the opinion of the board, meets the require-
35 ments of this chapter, based upon verified evidence
36 may, upon application, be licensed without further
37 examination.

38 Any person registered by the board prior to the
39 effective date of this section, under former section
40 7054, as a registered social worker or an associate

1 social worker shall automatically be licensed as a
2 "licensed social worker" without further examination.

3 Any person certified by the board prior to the
4 effective date of this section or under former sec-
5 tion 7054 as a certified social worker and who en-
6 gages in the independent practice of social work pur-
7 suant to section 7052 shall be licensed as a "certi-
8 fied social worker - independent practice" and may
9 continue to practice social work as previously autho-
10 riized. This person has the option to be licensed as
11 a "licensed master social worker" without further ex-
12 amination if the person has a masters' degree in so-
13 cial work or social welfare.

14 Any other person certified by the board prior to
15 the effective date of this section or under former
16 section 7054 as a certified social worker shall auto-
17 matically be licensed as a "licensed master social
18 worker" without further examination and any person
19 licensed as a "licensed clinical social worker" prior
20 to the effective date of this section, under former
21 section 7054, shall remain licensed as a "licensed
22 clinical social worker" without further examination.

23 Any person not eligible for licensure on the ef-
24 fective date of this section, but who is employed in
25 a position in which representation is made to the
26 public as a social worker or the title of social
27 worker is used, shall be entitled to licensure with-
28 out examination as a "licensed social worker" as long
29 as an application, made pursuant to section 7056, is
30 received by the board by July 1, 1987.

31 Sec. 15. 32 MRSA §7055, as enacted by PL 1977,
32 c. 673, §3, is repealed.

33 Sec. 16. 32 MRSA §7056, as amended by PL 1983,
34 c. 805, §12, is further amended to read:

35 §7056. Application; fees

36 Application for ~~registration and certification~~
37 license as a licensed clinical, certified, registered
38 or associate licensed master or licensed social work-
39 er shall be on a form prescribed and furnished by the
40 board. An application fee and an examination fee may

1 be established by the board in amounts which are rea-
2 sonable and necessary for their respective purposes.
3 ~~The registration fee for an associate social worker~~
4 ~~shall be established by the board in an amount not to~~
5 ~~exceed \$25. All fees shall accompany the application.~~

6 The registration license fee for a registered
7 licensed social worker shall be established by the
8 board in an amount not to exceed \$50. ~~All fees shall~~
9 ~~accompany the application.~~

10 The registration license fee for a certified li-
11 icensed master social worker shall be established by
12 the board in an amount not to exceed \$75. ~~All fees~~
13 ~~shall accompany the application.~~

14 The license fee for a licensed clinical social
15 worker shall be established by the board in an amount
16 not to exceed \$125. ~~All fees shall accompany the ap-~~
17 ~~plication.~~

18 ~~Should If~~ the board deny denies the issuance of a
19 license ~~or certificate of registration~~ to any appli-
20 cant, the application and examination fees shall be
21 nonrefundable.

22 Sec. 17. 32 MRSA §7057, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL
23 1983, c. 413, §228, is further amended to read:

24 The passing grade on any examination shall be ~~not~~
25 less than 70% established by the board based upon Na-
26 tional Testing Scores set by the testing company. A
27 candidate failing any examination may apply for reex-
28 amination, which shall be granted upon payment of a
29 fee established by the board in an amount not in ex-
30 cess of the original application and examination
31 fees. Any candidate for registration having an aver-
32 age grade of less than 50% in his written examination
33 may not apply for reexamination for one year.

34 Sec. 18. 32 MRSA §7059, as repealed and replaced
35 by PL 1983, c. 413, §229, is amended to read:

36 §7059. Suspension, revocation and reissuance

37 1. Board or Administrative Court revocation.
38 The board may suspend or revoke a ~~certificate of~~

1 registration license pursuant to Title 5, section
2 10004. In addition, the board may refuse to issue or
3 renew or the Administrative Court may suspend, revoke
4 or refuse to renew a certificate of registration
5 license on any of the following grounds:

6 A. The practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining
7 a certificate of registration license under this
8 chapter or in connection with service rendered as
9 a certified, registered or associate licensed
10 clinical, licensed master or licensed social
11 worker or certified social worker - independent
12 practice;

13 B. Addiction, as confirmed by medical findings,
14 to the use of alcohol or other drugs, which has
15 resulted in the certified, registered or
16 associate licensed clinical, licensed master or
17 licensed social worker or certified social worker
18 - independent practice being unable to perform
19 his duties or perform those duties in a manner
20 which would not endanger the health or safety of
21 the clients to be served;

22 C. A medical finding of mental incompetency;

23 D. Aiding or abetting a person not duly certi-
24 fied as a certified, registered or associate se-
25 cial worker licensed in representing himself as a
26 certified, registered or associate licensed clin-
27 ical, licensed master or licensed social worker
28 or certified social worker - independent practice
29 in this State;

30 E. Any gross negligence, incompetency or miscon-
31 duct in the practice of professional social work;

32 F. Subject to the limitations of Title 5, chap-
33 ter 341, conviction of a Class A, B or C crime or
34 of a crime which, if committed in this State,
35 would be punishable by one year or more of im-
36 prisonment; or

37 G. Violation of any provision of this chapter or
38 any rule of the board.

1 Any person may register a complaint against any
2 ~~certified, registered or associate~~ social worker li-
3 censed at any level. Any complaints shall be in writ-
4 ing, shall be sworn to by the person making them and
5 shall be filed with the secretary of the board.

6 The board, for reasons it may deem sufficient,
7 may reissue a ~~certificate of registration as a certi-~~
8 ~~fied, registered or associate social worker~~ license
9 to any person whose ~~certificate of registration~~
10 license has been revoked, provided that 5 or more
11 members of the board vote in favor of that reissu-
12 ance. A new ~~certificate of registration as a certi-~~
13 ~~fied, registered or associate social worker,~~ license
14 to replace any ~~certificate license~~ revoked, lost, de-
15 stroyed or mutilated, may be issued, subject to the
16 rules of the board. A charge of \$3 shall be made for
17 that issuance.

18 Sec. 19. 32 MRSA §7060, as amended by PL 1983,
19 c. 413, §§230 and 231, is further amended to read:

20 §7060. Expiration and renewals

21 Certificates of registration Licenses shall ex-
22 pire biennially on December 31st or at such other
23 times as the Commissioner of Business, Occupational
24 and Professional Regulation may designate. Biennial
25 fees for renewal of registration license shall be set
26 by the board in an amount not to exceed \$50 and shall
27 be due and payable biennially on or before the first
28 day of January. Every 2nd renewal shall be contingent
29 upon evidence of participation in a continuing pro-
30 fessional education course or program as approved by
31 the board. Registration A license may be renewed up
32 to 90 days after the date of expiration upon payment
33 of a late fee of \$10 in addition to the renewal fee.
34 Any person who submits an application for renewal
35 more than 90 days after the renewal date shall be
36 subject to all requirements governing new applicants
37 under this chapter, except that the board may in its
38 discretion, giving due consideration to the protec-
39 tion of the public, waive examination if the renewal
40 application is made within 2 years from the date of
41 the expiration.

1 engaged in the independent practice of social work
2 will be able to keep their current titles.

3 This new draft also provides that any person cur-
4 rently working in the field of social work will be
5 licensed without an examination.

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