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H.P. 1027

House of Representatives, April 30, 1993

**An Act to Grant Conditional Licensure to Social Work Graduates from
Schools That Are Awaiting Accreditation.**

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative: FITZPATRICK of Durham.

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

2 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7053, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1985, c. 736,
4 §11, is further amended to read:

6 2. **Licensed master social worker.** As a licensed master
8 social worker, an applicant ~~shall~~ must have received either a
10 masters or doctoral degree in social work or social welfare from
12 an accredited educational institution, ~~shall~~ have demonstrated to
14 the satisfaction of the board adherence to the ethics of the
16 social work profession and ~~shall~~ have successfully completed the
18 examination prescribed by the board. After meeting these
20 qualifications, the applicant ~~shall--receive~~ receives a "licensed
22 master social worker" license. If an applicant has received
24 either a masters or doctoral degree in social work or social
26 welfare from an educational institution that is not accredited
28 but is in the process of being accredited, has demonstrated to
30 the satisfaction of the board adherence to the ethics of the
32 social work profession and has successfully completed the
34 examination prescribed by the board, the applicant receives a
36 "licensed master social worker, conditional" license until the
 educational institution has been accredited. If the school does
 not receive accreditation, the license is revoked. In addition,
 any person wishing to practice social work in a clinical setting
 ~~shall--receive~~ receives a "licensed master social worker,
 conditional" license.

STATEMENT OF FACT

 This bill amends the requirements for a licensed master
 social worker's license so that it allows a person who received a
 masters or doctoral degree from a school that is not accredited
 but is applying to be accredited to receive a conditional license
 until the school has been accredited. If the school is not
 accredited, the license is revoked.