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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 768, L.D. 987, Bill, "An Act to Change Certain Educational Requirements and Make Title Changes for Licensed Social Workers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Change Certain Educational Requirements for Licensed Social Workers'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7001-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 736, §2, is amended to read:

8. Licensed social worker. A "licensed social worker" is a person who has received a license as a licensed social worker from the board. In accordance with the provisions of section 7053, subsection 3-A, "licensed social worker" includes a person who has received a conditional license as a licensed social worker.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 by striking out the first 4 lines (page 1, lines 26 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'3. Requirements to be a licensed social worker on or

2 ~~before June 30, 2002. To be qualified to be licensed as a social~~
3 ~~worker an applicant must meet one of the following requirements.~~
4 On or before June 30, 2002, the board may issue a license to an
5 applicant who meets at least one of the requirements set out in
6 this subsection.'

7 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 by
8 adding at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

10 'The board may not issue a licensed social worker conditional
11 license under this subsection after June 30 2002. Individuals
12 who have met the requirements of this subsection and have a
13 licensed social worker conditional license issued prior to June
14 30, 2002, may continue to work towards full licensure as a
15 licensed social worker under this subsection.'

16 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in the
17 first line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the
18 following: "Licensed bachelor social worker" and inserting in
19 its place the following: 'Requirements for licensed social
20 worker after June 30, 2002'

21 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in the
22 first line by striking out the following: "The" and inserting in
23 its place the following: 'Except for those who meet the
24 requirements for licensure as a social worker under section 7053,
25 subsection 3, after June 30, 2002, the'

26 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
27 paragraph A in subparagraph (4) in division (a) in the first line
28 (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
29 "bachelor"

30 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
31 paragraph A in subparagraph (4) by striking out all of the
32 blocked paragraph (page 2, lines 37 to 41 in L.D.)

33 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
34 paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 48 in L.D.) by
35 striking out the following: "bachelor"

36 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
37 paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 48 in L.D.) by
38 inserting after the following: "worker" the following: 'after
39 June 30, 2002'

40 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
41 paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 6th line (page 3, line 6
42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of" and inserting in
43 its place the following: 'on'

2 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
3 paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 9th line (page 3, line 9
4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "bachelor"

6 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
7 paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the 9th line (page 3, line 9
8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and inserting in its
9 place the following: '2'

10 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
11 paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in division (a) in the first line
12 (page 3, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
13 "bachelor"

14 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
15 paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in division (a) in the 2nd line
16 (page 3, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and
17 inserting in its place the following: '2'

18 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
19 paragraph B in subparagraph (2) by striking out all of the
20 blocked paragraph (page 3, lines 31 to 35 in L.D.)

21 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in
22 paragraph B in subparagraph (4) in the 5th line (page 3, line 44
23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "bachelor"

24 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and
25 inserting in its place the following:

26 'Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §7053-A, sub-§4, ¶E, as amended by PL 1989,
27 c. 296, §1, is further amended to read:

28 E. Participate in training and education of social work
29 students from an accredited institution or an educational
30 institution in candidacy for accreditation with the Council
31 on Social Work Education or a successor organization and
32 supervise other licensed social workers.'

33 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 to
34 10.

35 Further amend the bill in section 11 in the first paragraph
36 in the 2nd line (page 7, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the
37 following: "bachelor"

38 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
39 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
40 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the separate licensing category of licensed bachelor social worker and subsumes those provisions under the existing category of licensed social worker. The amendment requires anyone who is not licensed as a social worker or holds a licensed social worker conditional license prior to June 30, 2002 to meet the new educational requirements. The amendment also allows a licensed social worker with 2 instead of 5 years' experience to enter into consultation with a licensure candidate.