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### **An Act To Allow Licensed Master Social Workers To Contract with Agencies in the State**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested  
and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CANAVAN of Waterville,  
DUDLEY of Portland, MAKAS of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SULLIVAN of  
Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7053-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c.  
5 395, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

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

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9 A. Engage in administration, research, consultation, social  
10 planning and teaching related to the functions in this  
11 section;

12 B. Perform all the functions of a licensed social worker;  
13 and

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15 C. Engage in a nonclinical private practice.

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17 In addition, a licensed master social worker having met the  
18 requirements for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker  
19 prior to January 1, 1987, except for having completed the  
20 licensed clinical social worker examination, may engage in the  
21 clinical consultation of licensed master social worker,  
22 conditional for the purpose of preparing the licensed master  
23 social worker, conditional for eventual licensed clinical social  
24 workers' status or regular licensure. This includes  
25 responsibility for ongoing training and evaluation. The licensed  
26 master social worker has an obligation to assess the licensed  
27 master social worker, conditional's competence and ethics and  
28 share this assessment with the Board of Social Work Licensure at  
29 the time the licensed master social worker applies for the  
30 licensed clinical level.

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32 In addition to paragraphs A, B and C, a person holding a  
33 "licensed master social worker, conditional" license may engage  
34 in psychosocial evaluation, including diagnosis and treatment of  
35 mental illness and emotional disorders, and provide clinical  
36 consultation to licensed social workers, social work students,  
37 other professionals practicing related professions and  
38 paraprofessionals engaging in related activities.

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40 A "licensed master social worker, conditional" may not engage in  
41 private clinical practice, unless permitted under section 7053,  
42 subsection 1, and must receive individual consultation 4 hours a  
43 month while practicing social work in a clinical setting.

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45 A licensed master social worker may perform clinical social work  
46 for an agency in the State on a contractual basis. Clinical  
47 social work performed under this subsection under appropriate  
48 supervision fulfills clinical licensure requirements.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill allows licensed master social workers to perform social work for an agency on a contractual basis. This work may fulfill licensure requirements.

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