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121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1162, L.D. 1589, Bill, "An Act To Change Certain Educational Requirements and Make Title Changes for Licensed Social Workers"

Amend the amendment in section 4 in subsection 3-C by striking out all of paragraph B and inserting in its place the following:

'B. A person who receives a conditional license as a licensed social worker on or after January 1, 2004 must complete a minimum of 96 hours of consultation as determined by the board. This consultation must be concurrent with the first 3,200 hours of social work employment occurring in a period of not less than 2 years but not more than 4 years.'

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

'Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §7053-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2001, c. 316, §4, is further amended to read:

**4. Licensed social worker.** A licensed social worker may:

A. Engage in psychosocial evaluation, excluding the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, and conduct basic data gathering of records and specific life issues of individuals, groups and families, assess this data and formulate and implement a plan to achieve specific goals related to specific life issues;

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- 2 B. Serve as an advocate for clients or groups of clients  
for the purpose of achieving specific goals relating to  
4 specific life issues;
- 6 C. Refer clients to other professional services;
- 8 D. Plan, manage, direct or coordinate social services; and
- 10 E. Participate in training and education of social work  
students from an accredited institution or an educational  
12 institution in candidacy for accreditation with the Council  
on Social Work Education or a successor organization and  
14 supervise other licensed social workers.

16 A licensed social worker shall may not engage in the private  
practice of social work, diagnose mental illness and emotional  
18 disorders or provide psychotherapy. A licensed social worker with  
less than 2 years' experience must receive consultation from  
20 either a licensed master social worker, a licensed clinical  
social worker or a certified social worker - independent practice  
22 in a manner to be prescribed by the board on a group or  
individual basis 4 hours a month. Licensed social workers in  
24 health care facilities licensed by the Department of Human  
Services shall receive consultation on a quarterly basis in a  
26 manner prescribed by the department. The department staff giving  
consultation to intermediate care facilities must be on the  
28 master or clinical level by January 1, 1993.

30 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, licensed~~  
~~social workers employed by the Department of Human Services shall~~  
32 ~~receive consultation in a manner to be prescribed by the~~  
~~department.~~

34 State agencies employing social workers shall ~~be~~ are responsible  
36 for providing supervision necessary for those social workers to  
maintain their licenses.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment removes language from the bill and current  
4 law that would have allowed different consultation requirements  
6 for social workers who are employees of the Department of Human  
Services.

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SPONSORED BY: Marlon  
(Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER)

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TOWN: Biddeford

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 1589

An Act to Change Certain Educational Requirements and Make Title  
Changes for Licensed Social Workers

LR 1944(03)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment " "

Sponsor: Rep. Laverriere-Boucher

Fiscal Note Required: Yes



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**Fiscal Note**

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The amendment may result in increased supervisory resource costs to the Department of Human Services in order to meet State Board of Social Work Licensure requirements. The amount cannot be determined at this time.