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SENATE 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"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the following:

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

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

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

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C. Refer clients to other professional services;

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

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

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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

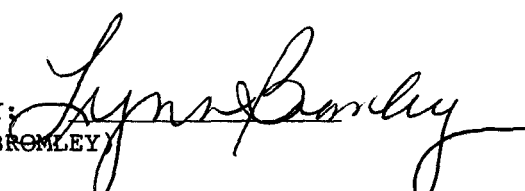
16 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, licensed~~
18 ~~social workers employed by the Department of Human Services shall~~
20 ~~receive consultation in a manner to be prescribed by the~~
department.

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

26 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
28 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

30 SUMMARY

32 This amendment is a technical amendment and removes a
34 provision of law concerning consultation that would be in
conflict with other changes made by Committee Amendment "A."

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42 COUNTY: Cumberland

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