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

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested
and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative O'BRIEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: DUPREY of Medway, MILLS of Cornville, RECTOR of Thomaston,
Senators: HATCH of Somerset, SHOREY of Washington.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7001-A, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 316, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **8. Licensed social worker.** A "licensed social worker" is a
8 person who has received a license as a licensed social worker
10 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.~~

12 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §7053, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 542,
14 §1, is further amended to read:

16 **3. Requirements to be a licensed social worker.** ~~On or
before September 30, 2003, the board may issue a license to an
applicant who meets at least one of the requirements set out in
this subsection~~ To be qualified to be licensed as a social worker
20 an applicant must meet one of the following requirements:

22 A. The applicant must have received a bachelor's degree in
24 social work or social welfare from an accredited educational
26 institution; demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board
adherence to the ethics of the social worker profession; and
successfully completed the examination prescribed by the
board; or

28 B. The applicant must have received a bachelor's degree in
30 a related field from an institution that, at the time the
32 degree was received, did not have a program accredited by
the Council on Social Work Education but subsequently
34 offered such a program; demonstrated to the satisfaction of
the board adherence to the ethics of the social worker
36 profession; and successfully completed the examination
prescribed by the board.

38 The board shall issue rules, in accordance with the Maine
40 Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, by which an
individual who has a bachelor's degree that does not qualify
under paragraph A or B may be eligible for a license.

42 ~~The board may not issue a licensed social worker conditional
44 license under this subsection after September 30, 2003.
Individuals who have met the requirements of this subsection and
46 have a licensed social worker conditional license issued prior to
September 30, 2003, may continue to work towards full licensure
48 as a licensed social worker under this subsection.~~

2 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §7053, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
542, §2, is repealed.

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

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

12 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §7060, last ¶**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 316,
14 §5, is repealed.

16 **Sec. 6. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to
September 21, 2001.

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SUMMARY

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This bill reverses changes made by Public Law 2001, chapter
24 316, which created the position of licensed bachelor social
worker and establish standards and educational requirements for
the position. The bill also has a retroactivity provision to
26 reverse those changes to their effective date of September 21,
2001.