

SENATE, No. 1444

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BASSANO

1 AN ACT concerning social workers and amending P.L.1991, c.134.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. Section 6 of P.L.1991, c.134 (C.45:15BB-6) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 6. a. The board shall issue a license as a "licensed clinical social
9 worker" to an applicant who has:

10 (1) Received a master's degree in social work from an educational
11 program accredited, or in candidacy for accreditation, by the Council
12 on Social Work Education, or a doctorate in social work from an
13 accredited institution of higher education;

14 (2) Had at least two years of full-time experience in the practice of
15 clinical social work under the supervision of a clinical social worker
16 licensed by this State or who, by virtue of the supervisor's education
17 and experience, is eligible for licensure in this State as a licensed
18 clinical social worker, or any other supervisor who may be deemed
19 acceptable to the board;

20 (3) Satisfactorily completed minimum course requirements
21 established by the board to ensure adequate training in methods of
22 clinical social work practice; and

23 (4) Passed an appropriate examination provided by the board for
24 this purpose.

25 In lieu of the educational and experience requirements provided in
26 paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, the board shall issue a
27 license as a "licensed clinical social worker" to an applicant who has
28 received a master's degree in counseling and had at least five years of
29 full-time experience providing psychotherapeutic counseling to
30 individuals, families or groups.

31 b. The board shall issue a license as a "licensed social worker" to
32 an applicant who has:

33 (1) Received a master's degree in social work from an educational
34 program accredited, or in candidacy for accreditation, by the Council

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 on Social Work Education or a doctorate in social work from an
2 accredited institution of higher education; and

3 (2) Passed an appropriate examination provided by the board for
4 this purpose.

5 c. The board shall certify an applicant who has:

6 (1) received a baccalaureate degree in social work from an
7 educational program accredited, or in candidacy for accreditation, by
8 the Council on Social Work Education ; or

9 (2) on or before the effective date of this act, acquired a
10 baccalaureate degree in a field related to human services from an
11 accredited institution of higher education and has engaged in full-time
12 social work for at least one year prior to the effective date of
13 P.L.1995, c.66.

14 (cf: P.L.1995, c.66, s.3)

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill amends the section of law establishing the qualifications for
22 the licensing of social workers, N.J.S.A.45:15BB-6, by allowing
23 someone who has received a master's degree in counseling and has had
24 five years of full-time experience providing psychotherapeutic
25 counseling to individuals, families, or groups, to meet the educational
26 degree and work experience requirements for a licensed clinical social
27 worker.

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32 Amends educational and experience requirements for licensing of
33 social workers.