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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5435

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5435 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work
5 Practice Act is amended by changing Sections 9, 9A, and 12.5 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 20/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 6359)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

9 Sec. 9. Qualifications for clinical social worker license.

10 A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a clinical social
11 worker if that person:

12 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form;

13 (2) has not engaged in conduct or actions that would
14 constitute grounds for discipline under this Act;

15 (3) (a) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
16 Department that, subsequent to securing a master's degree

1 in social work from an approved program and obtaining a
2 social worker license under Section 9A or temporarily
3 practicing pending the issuance of a social worker license
4 under Section 9B if the license was ultimately issued, the
5 applicant has successfully completed at least 3,000 hours
6 of satisfactory, supervised clinical professional
7 experience; or

8 (b) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department
9 that such applicant has received a doctor's degree in
10 social work from an approved program and has, subsequent
11 to receiving the degree, completed at least 2,000 hours of
12 satisfactory, supervised clinical professional experience
13 after obtaining a social worker license under Section 9A
14 or during temporary practice pending the issuance of a
15 social worker license under Section 9B if the license was
16 ultimately issued ~~subsequent to the degree;~~

17 (4) has passed the examination for the practice of
18 clinical social work as authorized by the Department or
19 has completed the examination alternative set forth in
20 Section 8.2; and

21 (5) has paid the required fees.

22 Notwithstanding paragraph (3), any hours of supervised
23 clinical professional experience completed before the
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
25 Assembly may be counted toward the required hours for
26 qualification under this Section if the hours were completed

1 subsequent to securing an applicable graduate degree and the
2 completed hours would have qualified toward licensure under
3 the law in effect at the time the hours were earned.

4 (Source: P.A. 103-433, eff. 1-1-24; 104-178, eff. 1-1-26.)

5 (225 ILCS 20/9A) (from Ch. 111, par. 6359A)

6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

7 Sec. 9A. Qualifications for license as licensed social
8 worker. A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a
9 licensed social worker if that person:

10 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form;

11 (2) has not engaged in conduct or actions that would
12 constitute grounds for discipline under this Act;

13 (3) (a) has a degree from a graduate program of social
14 work approved by the Department; or

15 (b) has a degree in social work from an undergraduate
16 program approved by the Department and has successfully
17 completed at least 3,000 hours ~~3 years~~ of supervised
18 professional experience subsequent to obtaining the degree
19 within a period of no more than 4 years, as established by
20 rule. The Department may grant a waiver for or an
21 extension of the 4-year time period under this
22 subparagraph (b) upon a showing of good cause. If no
23 supervision by a licensed social worker or a licensed
24 clinical social worker is available, then supervised
25 professional experience may include supervision by other

1 appropriate disciplines as defined by rule;

2 (4) (blank); and

3 (5) has paid the required fees.

4 An individual who is in the process of completing the
5 hours of supervised professional experience under subparagraph
6 (b) of paragraph (3) shall be subject to oversight by the
7 Department solely for the purpose of determining the
8 individual's eligibility for licensure and the eligibility of
9 the completed hours for the supervised professional experience
10 requirement.

11 The Department may, by rule:

12 (A) establish standards for supervision,
13 documentation, and verification of any supervised
14 professional experience;

15 (B) deny or invalidate any hours of supervised
16 professional experience obtained in violation of this Act
17 or Department rules; and

18 (C) deny an application for licensure based on conduct
19 that occurred during the time period in which the
20 applicant was completing the hours of supervised
21 professional experience if the conduct would have
22 constituted grounds for discipline under this Act had the
23 individual been licensed at the time.

24 (Source: P.A. 104-178, eff. 1-1-26.)

25 (225 ILCS 20/12.5)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

2 Sec. 12.5. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license
3 as a clinical social worker or as a social worker, without the
4 required examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws
5 of another jurisdiction if the requirements for licensure in
6 that jurisdiction are, on the date of licensure, substantially
7 equivalent to the requirements of this Act, except for the
8 requirement to be licensed while obtaining the required
9 supervised experience under Section 9, or to any person who,
10 at the time of the person's licensure, possessed individual
11 qualifications that were substantially equivalent to the
12 requirements then in force in this State. An applicant under
13 this Section shall pay the required fees.

14 An individual applying for licensure as a clinical social
15 worker who has been licensed at the independent level in
16 another United States jurisdiction for 5 consecutive years
17 without discipline is not required to submit proof of
18 completion of the education and supervised clinical
19 professional experience required in paragraph (3) of Section
20 9. Individuals with 5 consecutive years of experience must
21 submit certified verification of licensure from the
22 jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and must comply
23 with all other licensing requirements and pay all required
24 fees.

25 If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the
26 relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is

1 questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of
2 information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given,
3 or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure
4 may be required to provide additional information.

5 An applicant has 3 years from the date of application to
6 complete the application process. If the process has not been
7 completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the
8 fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
9 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-1053, eff. 6-10-22; 103-1048, eff. 1-1-25.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
12 1, 2027."