

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 172

By: Senator G. Leding

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-103-104(c), concerning the exemptions for licensing of social workers, is amended to read as follows:

(c) This chapter does not limit the activities and services of a graduate or undergraduate student from an accredited educational institution who is currently enrolled in social work program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education if he or she does not represent himself or herself as a social worker.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-103-203(b)(1), concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Establish the criteria and process for licensure through ~~reciprocity~~ endorsement;



SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-103-302 is amended to read as follows:

17-103-302. ~~Reciprocity~~ Endorsement.

The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board may grant a license without examination to a person meeting all of the other requirements of this chapter and who at the time of application is licensed as a social worker by a similar board of another state, territory, district, or Canadian province whose standards, in the opinion of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, are ~~not lower than~~ substantially equivalent to those required by this chapter.

/s/G. Leding

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