

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
 Section 866(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 866(a) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

866.

(a) (1) From January 1, 1976, until July 1, 1977, a license as a social work associate may be issued without examination to an applicant who satisfies the Board that he is and actually has been engaged, for at least two years in the practice of social work and has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

(2) FROM JULY 1, 1977, UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1978, A LICENSE AS A SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATE MAY BE ISSUED TO AN APPLICANT WHO:

(I) HAS RECEIVED A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1976, INCLUDING COMPLETION OF A SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION. WITH REGARD TO THIS REQUIREMENT, THE BOARD BY REGULATION SHALL PROVIDE GENERAL STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENTS, INCLUDING COMPLETION OF RELATED ACADEMIC CURRICULA SUCH AS PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING.

(II) HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BUT LESS THAN TWO YEARS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1977.

(III) HAS PASSED AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOR THIS PURPOSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.