

general standards of acceptable] RECOGNIZE ACADEMIC equivalents, including [completion of related academic curricula] DEGREES FROM ACCREDITED COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES, IN AREAS OF RELATED ACADEMIC CURRICULA such as psychology and counselling[, and practical experience in related fields of work properly supervised and documented]. A DEGREE IN AREAS OF RELATED ACADEMIC CURRICULA IN ORDER TO BE RECOGNIZED AS AN ACADEMIC EQUIVALENT SHALL INCLUDE, AS PART OF THE DEGREE PROGRAM, FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK IN A LICENSED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY. THE BOARD SHALL BY REGULATION SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH THOSE DEGREES FROM ACCREDITED COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE ACADEMIC EQUIVALENTS.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT LICENSES MAY BE GRANTED TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED A SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION, BUT HAVE DEGREES IN AREAS OF RELATED ACADEMIC CURRICULA.

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(D) FROM JULY 1, 1978 TO DECEMBER 31, 1978, 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 45 8 YEARS, PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1977, IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK IN A LICENSED SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY.

(E) ANY PERSON WHO FILED AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSING WITHOUT EXAMINATION PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1977, AND WAS DENIED CERTIFICATION OR WAS GRANTED CERTIFICATION AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN APPLIED FOR, SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REAPPLY FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THE REVISED STANDARDS WITHOUT EXAMINATION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1978.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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CHAPTER 788

(House Bill 2120)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Intervenors

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from requiring that ~~an intervenor~~ certain intervenors be represented by an attorney in any proceeding before the Commission.