

FOR the purpose of altering an existing grandfather clause to provide that a social worker employed by an agency of this State or of any political subdivision in this State, who was exempt before July 1, 1983 from social work licensure requirements under the Health Occupations Article, shall be issued a license without examination by the Board of Social Work Examiners, if the social worker has fulfilled either the appropriate educational requirements or the experience requirements if the social worker meets certain education and experience requirements; and providing for an emergency effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 189 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1983
Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1983

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an applicant employed as of July 1, 1983 by an agency of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, and for that reason previously exempt from social work licensure requirements, shall be issued a license without examination if the Board is satisfied that the applicant has fulfilled the appropriate educational and OR experience requirements. Such a waiver may not be granted after June 30, 1984. Until July 1, 1984, an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State may not be prosecuted for practicing social work without a license. That:

(a) A person employed as a social worker as of July 1, 1983 by an agency of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, who for that reason previously was exempt from social work licensure requirements, shall, upon application to the Board of Social Work Examiners, be issued a social work associate license without examination if the person:

(1) possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; and

(2) has been engaged in the practice of social work for 2 years as of June 30, 1983 by an agency of the State or any political subdivision of the State.

(b) A waiver may not be granted to any person pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section after June 30, 1985.

(c) Failure to obtain a social work associate license before July 1, 1985 pursuant to the provisions of this section