

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

Article - Health Occupations

19-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

[(c) (1) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice social work.

(2) "License" includes:

(i) 1. A certified social worker license; or

2. A certified social worker-clinical license;

(ii) Graduate social worker license; and

(iii) A social work associate license.

(d) "Licensed social worker" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a social worker who is licensed by the Board to practice social work.

(e) "Practice social work" means to engage professionally and for compensation in the following activities while representing oneself to be a social worker:

(1) Helping individuals, groups, or communities to enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning;

(2) Seeking to create societal conditions favorable to this goal; and

(3) By the application of social work values, principles, and techniques:

(i) Helping people obtain tangible services;

(ii) Helping persons, communities, and groups provide or improve social and health services; and

(iii) Counseling with individuals, families, and groups.

(f) (1) "Practice clinical social work" means to engage professionally and for compensation in the application of social work principles and methods for the alleviation of social, mental, and emotional conditions through treatment designed to provide psychotherapy for a mental disorder.

(2) "Practice clinical social work" includes rendering a diagnosis based on a recognized manual of mental and emotional disorders.

(g) "Social worker" means an individual who practices social work.]