

19-102.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the profession of social work profoundly affects the lives [and], health, SAFETY, AND WELFARE of the people of this State.

(b) The purpose of this title is to protect the public by:

(1) Setting MINIMUM qualification, education, training, and experience standards for [social workers] THE LICENSING OF INDIVIDUALS TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK; and

(2) Promoting AND MAINTAINING high professional standards for the practice of social work.

19-103.

[(a)] This title does not limit the right of an individual to practice a health occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under this article.

[(b) This title may not be construed to authorize any person licensed as a social worker to engage in the practice of medicine.]

19-201.

There is a State Board of Social Work Examiners in the Department.

19-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [7] 11 members.

(2) Of the [7] 11 Board members:

(i) [5] 9 shall be licensed social workers of whom:

1. 1 is a licensed social work associate;
2. 1 IS A LICENSED GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKER AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT;
3. AT LEAST 1 IS A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER;
4. AT LEAST 4 ARE LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS-CLINICAL; AND
5. 1 IS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; and

(ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

[(3) The Governor shall appoint one licensed social worker member from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.

(4) The Governor shall appoint one licensed social worker member from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.