

practice of social work do not apply to individuals who are licensed in any other state or possess certain qualifications, have a certain application pending before the State Board of Social Work Examiners, and meet certain requirements established in regulations; prohibiting a certain individual from practicing social work without a license for more than a certain number of months; and generally relating to licensing requirements to practice social work.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 19–301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health Occupations**

19–301.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be:

(1) Licensed by the Board before the individual may practice social work in this State while representing oneself as a social worker;

(2) Licensed as a certified social worker–clinical before the individual may practice clinical social work in this State.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) An individual employed by any agency of the federal government while performing the duties of that employment, unless the individual chooses to apply for a license under this subtitle; [or]

(2) An individual licensed as a social worker in another state while responding to an emergency in this State; OR

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN ANY OTHER STATE OR POSSESSES SOCIAL WORK QUALIFICATIONS IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION COMPARABLE TO § 19–302 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) HAS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE PENDING BEFORE THE BOARD; AND

(III) MEETS REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD IN REGULATIONS.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK WITHOUT A LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS.