

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

Article - Health Occupations

19-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of 11 members.

(2) Of the 11 Board members:

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

1. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a licensed social work associate;

2. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 1 is a licensed graduate social worker at the time of appointment;

3. ~~[At]~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AT least 1 is a licensed certified social worker;

4. ~~At~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 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) If a licensed social work associate [or], a licensed graduate social worker, ~~OR A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, OR A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL~~ is not appointed to the Board under [paragraph (2)(i)1 and 2] PARAGRAPH (2)(I) of this subsection within 6 months of a vacancy, a licensee of any license level shall be appointed immediately if that licensee is qualified to be a member of the Board under subsections (b) and (d) of this section.

(4) The Governor shall appoint all members of the Board with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

(5) The Governor shall appoint all social work members of the Board from a list of nominees containing names submitted by:

(i) Professional social work associations in the State;

(ii) Any person who provides a statement of nomination signed by at least 25 social workers licensed in the State; or

(iii) The secretaries of public agencies of the State where social workers are employed.

(b) Each member of the Board shall be a resident of this State.

(c) Each consumer member of the Board: