

House Bill 358, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 723.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**Senate Bill 723**

AN ACT concerning

**Certified Social Workers—Clinical – Practice – Definition**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "practice social work" so as to authorize a licensed certified social worker—clinical to practice social work by evaluating, diagnosing, and treating certain mental and emotional conditions and impairments in addition to certain other conditions and disorders; and generally relating to defining the practice of social work for certified social workers—clinical.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 19–101  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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) "Certified" means having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board that the individual has completed 2 years of supervised social work practice as defined in § 19–302(d) or (e) of this title.