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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 314
AS AMENDED BY
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 3902, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 3902. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(20) "Master's social work" means the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities. "Master's social work" is the application of generalist practice, specialized knowledge, and advanced practice ~~skills, and includes supervision.~~ skills.

Section 2. Amend § 3907, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 3907. Qualifications of applicants; licensure tiers; report to Attorney General; judicial review.

(b) Licensed clinical social worker. —

An applicant who is applying for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker shall submit evidence, verified by oath and satisfactory to the Board, that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(4) ~~Has~~ Subject to § 3907C of this title, has completed 2 years of supervised experience that the Board has approved, under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, after receiving a master's or doctoral degree described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. If an applicant demonstrates to the Board's satisfaction and in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations that a licensed clinical social worker was not available for supervision, the applicant may complete 2 years of supervised experience supervised by a ~~master's social worker, licensed~~

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~~psychologist,~~ licensed psychologist or licensed psychiatrist, if the supervision meets all other requirements established in the Board's rules and regulations.

Section 3. Amend Chapter 39, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 3907C. Supervision requirements for licensed clinical social worker; grandfathering.

(a) (1) Subject to paragraph (a)(2) of this section, an applicant or licensed clinical social worker who has started or completed supervision by a master's social worker on or before [the enactment date of this Act] will satisfy the supervision requirement under § 3907(b)(4) of this title if the applicant or licensed clinical social worker is otherwise in compliance with § 3907(b)(4) of this title.

(2) An applicant who will not complete the 2-year supervised experience requirement on or before [180 days after the enactment of this Act] must continue any necessary supervision under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, or licensed psychiatrist, in accordance with § 3907(b)(4) of this title.

(b) Notwithstanding the removal of a master's social worker's supervision authority under § 3907(b)(4) of this title, a master's social worker who is supervising an applicant as of [the enactment date of this Act] may continue to supervise the applicant until after [180 days after the enactment of this Act].