

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work
5 Practice Act is amended by changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 20/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 6358)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 8. Examination.

9 (1) The Department shall authorize examinations of
10 applicants at such times and places as it may determine. Each
11 examination shall be of a character to fairly test the
12 competence and qualifications of the applicants to practice as
13 a licensed clinical social worker or as a licensed social
14 worker.

15 (2) Applicants for examination shall pay, either to the
16 Department or to the designated testing service, a fee covering
17 the cost of determining the applicant's eligibility and of
18 providing the examination. Failure to appear for the
19 examination on the scheduled date at the time and place
20 specified after the applicant's application for examination
21 has been received and acknowledged by the Department or the
22 designated testing service shall result in forfeiture of the
23 examination fee.

1 (3) (Blank).

2 (4) The Department may employ consultants for the purpose
3 of preparing and conducting examinations.

4 (5) An applicant has one year from the date of notification
5 of successful completion of the examination to apply to the
6 Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply within
7 one year, the examination scores shall be void and the
8 applicant shall be required to take and pass the examination
9 again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United
10 States within one year of passing the examination.

11 (6) The Department shall adopt rules allowing an applicant
12 who is enrolled in an approved program for a master's degree in
13 social work to sit for the authorized examination for licensed
14 social workers in the final semester of the program.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-150, eff. 12-30-97.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
17 1, 2020.