

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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)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) Applicants for a license as a licensed social worker  
12 enrolled in an approved program for a master's degree in social  
13 work may sit for the authorized examination for licensed social  
14 workers in the final semester of the program for a master's  
15 degree in social work without prior approval of the Department.  
16 The Department may adopt rules to administer this paragraph  
17 (6). Applicants for a license as a licensed social worker must  
18 still meet all requirements set forth in Section 9A.

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

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
21 1, 2020.