



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 20/5	from Ch. 111, par. 6355
225 ILCS 20/8	from Ch. 111, par. 6358
225 ILCS 20/9A	from Ch. 111, par. 6359A
225 ILCS 20/11	from Ch. 111, par. 6361

Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act. Removes a provision requiring a person to pass an examination as authorized by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to be qualified to be licensed as a licensed social worker. Makes corresponding changes.

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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 Sections 5, 8, 9A, and 11  
6 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 20/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 6355)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

9 Sec. 5. Powers and duties of the Department. Subject to  
10 the provisions of this Act, the Department shall exercise the  
11 following functions, powers, and duties:

12 (1) Conduct or authorize examinations to ascertain the  
13 qualifications and fitness of candidates for a license to  
14 engage in the independent practice of clinical social work  
15 ~~and in the practice of social work~~, pass upon the  
16 qualifications of applicants for licenses, and issue  
17 licenses to those who are found to be fit and qualified.

18 (2) Adopt rules required for the administration and  
19 enforcement of this Act.

20 (3) Adopt rules for determining approved undergraduate  
21 and graduate social work degree programs and prepare and  
22 maintain a list of colleges and universities offering such  
23 approved programs whose graduates, if they otherwise meet

1 the requirements of this Act, are eligible to apply for a  
2 license.

3 (4) Prescribe forms to be issued for the  
4 administration and enforcement of this Act consistent with  
5 and reflecting the requirements of this Act and rules  
6 adopted pursuant to this Act.

7 (5) Conduct investigations related to possible  
8 violations of this Act.

9 (6) Maintain rosters of the names and addresses of all  
10 persons who hold valid licenses under this Act. These  
11 rosters shall be available upon written request and  
12 payment of the required fee.

13 (Source: P.A. 100-414, eff. 8-25-17.)

14 (225 ILCS 20/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 6358)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

16 Sec. 8. Examination.

17 (1) The Department shall authorize examinations of  
18 applicants at such times and places as it may determine. Each  
19 examination shall be of a character to fairly test the  
20 competence and qualifications of the applicants to practice as  
21 a licensed clinical social worker ~~or as a licensed social~~  
22 ~~worker.~~

23 (2) Applicants for examination shall pay, either to the  
24 Department or to the designated testing service, a fee  
25 covering the cost of determining the applicant's eligibility

1 and of providing the examination. Failure to appear for the  
2 examination on the scheduled date at the time and place  
3 specified after the applicant's application for examination  
4 has been received and acknowledged by the Department or the  
5 designated testing service shall result in forfeiture of the  
6 examination fee.

7 (3) (Blank).

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

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

17 (6) (Blank). ~~Applicants for a license as a licensed social~~  
18 ~~worker enrolled in an approved program for a master's degree~~  
19 ~~in social work may sit for the authorized examination for~~  
20 ~~licensed social workers in the final semester of the program~~  
21 ~~for a master's degree in social work without prior approval of~~  
22 ~~the Department. The Department may adopt rules to administer~~  
23 ~~this paragraph (6). Applicants for a license as a licensed~~  
24 ~~social worker must still meet all requirements set forth in~~  
25 ~~Section 9A.~~

26 (Source: P.A. 101-568, eff. 1-1-20.)

1 (225 ILCS 20/9A) (from Ch. 111, par. 6359A)

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

3 Sec. 9A. Qualifications for license as licensed social  
4 worker. A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a  
5 licensed social worker if that person:

6 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form;

7 (2) is of good moral character, as defined in  
8 subsection (2) of Section 9;

9 (3) (a) has a degree from a graduate program of social  
10 work approved by the Department; or

11 (b) has a degree in social work from an undergraduate  
12 program approved by the Department and has successfully  
13 completed at least 3 years of supervised professional  
14 experience subsequent to obtaining the degree as  
15 established by rule. If no supervision by a licensed  
16 social worker or a licensed clinical social worker is  
17 available, then supervised professional experience may  
18 include supervision by other appropriate disciplines as  
19 defined by rule;

20 (4) (blank); and ~~has passed the examination for the~~  
21 ~~practice of social work as a licensed social worker as~~  
22 ~~authorized by the Department; and~~

23 (5) has paid the required fees.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-414, eff. 8-25-17.)

1 (225 ILCS 20/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 6361)

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

3 Sec. 11. Licenses; renewal; restoration; person in  
4 military service; inactive status.

5 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each  
6 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. The  
7 licensee may renew a license during the 60-day period  
8 preceding its expiration date by paying the required fee and  
9 by demonstrating compliance with any continuing education  
10 requirements. The Department shall adopt rules establishing  
11 minimum requirements of continuing education and means for  
12 verification of the completion of the continuing education  
13 requirements. The Department may, by rule, specify  
14 circumstances under which the continuing education  
15 requirements may be waived.

16 (b) Any person who has permitted a license to expire or who  
17 has a license on inactive status may have it restored by  
18 submitting an application to the Department and filing proof  
19 of fitness, as defined by rule, to have the license restored,  
20 including, if appropriate, evidence which is satisfactory to  
21 the Department certifying the active practice of clinical  
22 social work or social work in another jurisdiction and by  
23 paying the required fee.

24 (b-5) If the person has not maintained an active practice  
25 in another jurisdiction which is satisfactory to the  
26 Department, the Department shall determine the person's

1 fitness to resume active status. The Department may also  
2 require the person to complete a specific period of evaluated  
3 clinical social work or social work experience and may require  
4 successful completion of an examination for clinical social  
5 workers.

6 (b-7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any  
7 person whose license expired while on active duty with the  
8 armed forces of the United States, while called into service  
9 or training with the State Militia or in training or education  
10 under the supervision of the United States government prior to  
11 induction into the military service may have his or her  
12 license restored without paying any renewal fees if, within 2  
13 years after the honorable termination of that service,  
14 training or education, except under conditions other than  
15 honorable, the Department is furnished with satisfactory  
16 evidence that the person has been so engaged and that the  
17 service, training or education has been so terminated.

18 (c) A license to practice shall not be denied any  
19 applicant because of the applicant's race, religion, creed,  
20 national origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex,  
21 sexual orientation, or physical impairment.

22 (d) (Blank).

23 (e) (Blank).

24 (f) (Blank).

25 (g) The Department shall indicate on each license the  
26 academic degree of the licensee.

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1 (Source: P.A. 95-687, eff. 10-23-07.)