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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2365

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2365 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work  
5 Practice Act is amended by changing Sections 5 and 9 and by  
6 adding Section 8.2 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8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)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 or examination  
13 alternatives to ascertain the qualifications and fitness  
14 of candidates for a license to engage in the independent  
15 practice of clinical social work, pass upon the  
16 qualifications of applicants for licenses, and issue

1 licenses to those who are found to be fit and qualified.

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

4 (3) Adopt rules for determining approved undergraduate  
5 and graduate social work degree programs and prepare and  
6 maintain a list of colleges and universities offering such  
7 approved programs whose graduates, if they otherwise meet  
8 the requirements of this Act, are eligible to apply for a  
9 license.

10 (4) Prescribe forms to be issued for the  
11 administration and enforcement of this Act consistent with  
12 and reflecting the requirements of this Act and rules  
13 adopted pursuant to this Act.

14 (5) Conduct investigations related to possible  
15 violations of this Act.

16 (6) Maintain rosters of the names and addresses of all  
17 persons who hold valid licenses under this Act. These  
18 rosters shall be available upon written request and  
19 payment of the required fee.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-326, eff. 1-1-22.)

21 (225 ILCS 20/8.2 new)

22 Sec. 8.2. Examination alternative.

23 (a) An applicant may use an examination alternative to  
24 allow the Department to ascertain the qualifications and  
25 fitness of candidates for a license to engage in the

1 independent practice of clinical social work.

2 (b) The examination alternative shall consist of at least  
3 3,000 hours of supervised professional experience that is  
4 obtained within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding  
5 the date of application and after the degree is obtained as  
6 established by rule. If no supervision by a licensed clinical  
7 social worker is available, then supervised professional  
8 experience may include supervision by other appropriate  
9 disciplines as defined by rule.

10 (c) The examination alternative supervised professional  
11 experience shall be in addition to any other supervised  
12 clinical professional experience required for licensure.

13 (d) Beginning January 1, 2026, an applicant acquiring the  
14 examination alternative supervised professional experience  
15 must be a licensed social worker or licensed in this State for  
16 the practice of school social work prior to acquiring the  
17 supervised professional experience.

18 (225 ILCS 20/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 6359)

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

20 Sec. 9. Qualifications for clinical social worker license.

21 A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a clinical social  
22 worker if that person:

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

24 (2) is of good moral character. In determining good  
25 moral character, the Department may take into

1 consideration whether the applicant was engaged in conduct  
2 or actions that would constitute grounds for discipline  
3 under this Act;

4 (3) (a) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the  
5 Department that subsequent to securing a master's degree  
6 in social work from an approved program the applicant has  
7 successfully completed at least 3,000 hours of  
8 satisfactory, supervised clinical professional  
9 experience; or

10 (b) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department  
11 that such applicant has received a doctor's degree in  
12 social work from an approved program and has completed at  
13 least 2,000 hours of satisfactory, supervised clinical  
14 professional experience subsequent to the degree;

15 (4) has passed the examination for the practice of  
16 clinical social work as authorized by the Department or  
17 has completed the examination alternative set forth in  
18 Section 8.2; and

19 (5) has paid the required fees.

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