

1 AN ACT relating to Governors State University.

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 8 and 9 as  
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 20/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 6358)

8 Sec. 8. Examination.

9 (1) The Department shall authorize examinations of  
10 applicants at such times and places as it may determine.  
11 Each examination shall be of a character to fairly test the  
12 competence and qualifications of the applicants to practice  
13 as 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  
17 covering the cost of determining the applicant's eligibility  
18 and of 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.

24 (3) (Blank).

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

27 (4.5) An applicant who wants to take the examination  
28 during 2001 and 2002 and who has received a master's degree  
29 in social work from Governors State University is eligible to  
30 take the examination.

31 (5) An applicant has one year from the date of

1 notification of successful completion of the examination to  
2 apply to the Department for a license. If an applicant fails  
3 to apply within one year, the examination scores shall be  
4 void and the applicant shall be required to take and pass the  
5 examination again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of  
6 the United States within one year of passing the examination.  
7 (Source: P.A. 90-150, eff. 12-30-97.)

8 (225 ILCS 20/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 6359)

9 Sec. 9. Qualification for License. A person shall be  
10 qualified to be licensed as a clinical social worker and the  
11 Department shall issue a license authorizing the independent  
12 practice of clinical social work to an applicant who:

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

14 (2) is of good moral character. In determining good  
15 moral character, the Department may take into consideration  
16 whether the applicant was engaged in conduct or actions that  
17 would constitute grounds for discipline under this Act;

18 (3) (A) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the  
19 Department that subsequent to securing a master's degree  
20 in social work from an approved program (which shall  
21 include the master's degree program in social work at  
22 Governors State University if the applicant received his  
23 or her master's degree in 2001) the applicant has  
24 successfully completed at least 3,000 hours of  
25 satisfactory, supervised clinical professional  
26 experience; or

27 (B) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the  
28 Department that such applicant has received a doctor's  
29 degree in social work from an approved program and has  
30 completed at least 2,000 hours of satisfactory,  
31 supervised clinical professional experience subsequent to  
32 the degree;

33 (4) has passed the examination for the practice of

1 clinical social work as authorized by the Department; and  
2 (5) has paid the required fees.  
3 (Source: P.A. 90-150, eff. 12-30-97.)