

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 954

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOCIAL WORK LICENSING ACT; CONCERNING
PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT; CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OF THE LICENSURE
CERTIFICATE. "

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 954.

Amend Senate Bill No. 954 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11 delete "THE DISPLAY OF"

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Page 1, line 17 delete "THE DISPLAY OF"

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Page 1, delete lines 23 through 25 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-103-106 is amended to read as follows:
17-103-106. Penalties and enforcement.

(a) Violations of this chapter shall constitute Class A misdemeanors.

(b)(1)(A) When the Social Work Licensing Board is made aware of a violation or possible violation of § 17-103-105, a registered letter with a return receipt requested shall be mailed to the individual in question, calling to his or her attention the pertinent aspects of the law and the rules and regulations of the board.

(B) If the individual continues the verified illegal practice, the information shall be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for legal action.

(2) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board shall assist the prosecuting attorney in the enforcement of this chapter, ~~and.~~

(3) ~~any~~ Any member of the board may present evidence of a violation to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

(c) Allegations made and evidence received within the statute of limitations for a Class A misdemeanor shall be considered current by the board.

(d) Aside from any criminal penalties, the board may assess an administrative penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) against an unlicensed person who is required



under the chapter to have a license.

(e) If the board determines that an unlicensed person, who is required to be licensed under this chapter, has violated the Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice established under § 17-103-203, the board may restrict the unlicensed person from seeking a license for a period of time to be determined by the board, depending on the board's finding of the severity of the violation.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 103, Subchapter 3 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows.

17-103-308. Licensure certificate.

(a) A licensee involved in independent private practice with the public shall provide a copy of his or her license to his or her clients.

(b)(1) A licensee shall immediately notify clients if his or her license expires without renewal or is suspended or revoked.

(2) A licensee whose license expires without renewal or is suspended or revoked shall immediately notify his or her employer, employees, and partners that he or she is no longer licensed.”

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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