

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 954

5 By: Senator Wooldridge
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOCIAL WORK LICENSING ACT;
10 CONCERNING PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT; CONCERNING
11 THE LICENSURE CERTIFICATE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 LICENSING ACT; CONCERNING PENALTIES AND
17 ENFORCEMENT; CONCERNING THE LICENSURE
18 CERTIFICATE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-103-106 is amended to read as follows:*
24 *17-103-106. Penalties and enforcement.*

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

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

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

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

36 *(3) ~~any~~ Any member of the board may present evidence of a*



1 violation to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

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

5 (d) Aside from any criminal penalties, the board may assess an
6 administrative penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than
7 five hundred dollars (\$500) against an unlicensed person who is required
8 under the chapter to have a license.

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

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

18 17-103-308. Licensure certificate.

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

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

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

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27 /s/ Wooldridge
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