

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/14/19 H3/18/19

2 92nd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2019

SENATE BILL 172

4

5 By: Senator G. Leding

6 By: Representative D. Garner

7

8

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK
10 LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR
11 STUDENTS; TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO
12 "ENDORSEMENT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

13

14

15

Subtitle

16

17 TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK
18 LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING
19 EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE
20 TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".

21

22

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23

24

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-103-104(c), concerning the exemptions
25 for licensing of social workers, is amended to read as follows:

26

27

28

(c) This chapter does not limit the activities and services of a
graduate or undergraduate student from an accredited educational institution
who is currently enrolled in social work program that is accredited by the
Council on Social Work Education if he or she does not represent himself or
herself as a social worker.

31

32

33

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-103-203(b)(1), concerning the powers and
duties of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, is amended to read as
follows:

34

35

36

(1) Establish the criteria and process for licensure through
~~reciprocity~~ endorsement;



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-103-302 is amended to read as follows:

17-103-302. ~~Reciprocity~~ Endorsement.

The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board may grant a license without examination to a person meeting all of the other requirements of this chapter and who at the time of application is licensed as a social worker by a similar board of another state, territory, district, or Canadian province whose standards, in the opinion of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, are ~~not lower than~~ substantially equivalent to those required by this chapter.

/s/G. Leding