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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK

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LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR

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STUDENTS; TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO

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"ENDORSEMENT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".

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

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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 (c) This chapter does not limit the activities and services of a

27 graduate or undergraduate student ~~from an accredited educational institution~~

28 who is currently enrolled in social work program that is accredited by the

29 Council on Social Work Education if he or she does not represent himself or

30 herself as a social worker.

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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-103-203(b)(1), concerning the powers and

33 duties of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, is amended to read as

34 follows:

35 (1) Establish the criteria and process for licensure through

36 ~~reciprocity~~ endorsement;



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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

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