

ARKANSAS SENATE

94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023

Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 264

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD; AND TO REMOVE A RACIAL REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 264

Amend Senate Bill No. 264 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Womack as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 10, delete "BOARD; AND" and substitute "BOARD; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD; TO REMOVE A RACIAL REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 2, delete line 17, and substitute the following:
"large and the elderly."

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current membership makeup of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board contains an unconstitutional racial requirement that requires the Governor to meet a racial quota when appointing members to the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board when similarly qualified Arkansas citizens would not be considered to fulfill any open positions until the racial requirement has been met; that the practice of social work affects the public health, safety, and welfare, and the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board is tasked with ensuring the public health,



safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of social work; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the open membership positions of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board be filled by a qualified citizen of this state, regardless of race. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

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

By: Senator Irvin

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