

State of Arkansas
76th General Assembly
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By: Representative Matthews

HOUSE BILL 1271

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 43 OF 1983 [ARK. STAT. 71-2808.1] TO ALLOW QUALIFYING PERSONS TO OBTAIN A LICENSE IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 43 of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statute 71-2808.1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Any person who could have obtained a license as a licensed social worker, licensed master social worker or licensed certified social worker under Act 791 of 1981 without meeting the requirements of Section 5 of that Act had such person applied for licensure prior to June 17, 1982, shall be entitled to a license without meeting the qualifications requirements of Section 5 of Act 791 of 1981 if such person prior to June 17, 1982 met the requirements of subsections (1), (2) or (3) of Section 8 of Act 791 of 1981, and such person applies for such license prior to October 1, 1987. All persons so licensed shall be granted renewal licenses without meeting the qualifications requirements of Section 5 of Act 791 of 1981."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that Act 791 of 1981 provided for the licensing of social workers in this State; that Act 43 of 1983 extended the grandfather clause of Act 791 of 1981 to October 1, 1983; that circumstances beyond the control of people resulted in some people not foreseeing the need to obtain their license by the cut-off date; that such circumstance has resulted in undue hardship on such persons; that an additional reasonable amount of time to obtain such license

should be provided, and this Act is immediately necessary to grant such relief. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

