

State of Arkansas
76th General Assembly
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By: Representative Newman

HOUSE BILL 1554

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED
PERSONS AS LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Any person who on the effective date of this Act, is employed as a full-time social worker by any State agency and who has three (3) years or more of full-time paid experience in the field of social work and who makes application to the Social Work Licensing Board for licensure as a licensed social worker within one (1) year after the effective date of this Act, shall be licensed by the Board and shall not be required to meet the formal requirements provided for in 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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.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 the State and provided that persons meeting certain requirements on the effective date of the Act were entitled to be licensed as social workers without meeting all the formal standards provided for in Act 791 of 1981 if they made application for licensure within a specified period of time; that the time within which such persons could be licensed has been extended to cover other persons; that there are people in the State who are well qualified by experience as social workers and that some of such persons are licensed by State agencies in social worker positions; that this Act is designed to provide that those persons who meet the qualifications prescribed in this Act shall be entitled to be issued a license as a licensed social worker without the requirement of meeting the formal requirements of Section 5 of Act 791 of

1981 and should be given effect immediately to permit the licensure of these deserving and qualified persons. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

