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A Bill

SENATE BILL 172

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

25 (c) This chapter does not limit the activities and services of a
26 graduate or undergraduate student ~~from~~ currently enrolled in an accredited
27 educational institution only if the person represents himself or herself as a
28 student social worker or social work intern.

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

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

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



1 17-103-302. ~~Reciprocity~~ Endorsement.

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

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