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A Bill

SENATE BILL 264

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING
9 BOARD; TO REMOVE A RACIAL REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP
10 ON THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK
15 LICENSING BOARD; AND TO REMOVE A RACIAL
16 REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE
17 ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD.
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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 § 17-103-201(c), concerning the creation and
24 membership of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (c) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board shall have nine (9)
27 members, ~~with no fewer than two (2) African American members,~~ and shall be
28 composed of the following:

29 (1)(A) Three (3) members who are licensed certified social
30 workers, two (2) members who are licensed master social workers, and one (1)
31 member who is a licensed social worker.

32 (B)(i) The professional members shall be appointed from
33 the list of social workers licensed by this chapter and shall have five (5)
34 years of full-time social work practice experience before appointment to the
35 Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board.

36 (ii) The experience required under subdivision



1 (c)(1)(B)(i) of this section may consist of direct social work practice,
2 teaching, or administration in social work;

3 (2)(A) One (1) member who is a psychiatrist certified by the
4 American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

5 (B) The member appointed under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of
6 this section shall be in good standing with the American Board of Psychiatry
7 and Neurology, Inc.;

8 (3) One (1) member who is a representative of the public at
9 large; and

10 (4)(A) One (1) member who is sixty (60) years of age or older,
11 not actively engaged in or retired from professional social work, and shall
12 represent the elderly.

13 (B) The member appointed under subdivision (c)(4)(A) of
14 this section shall be appointed from the state at large and shall be a full
15 voting member.

16 (C) The same member may not represent both the public at
17 large and the elderly.