

# SENATE BILL 167

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By: **Senator West**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Temporary License to Practice Social**  
3 **Work**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a  
5 temporary license to practice social work to certain applicants who meet certain  
6 requirements; providing that a temporary license issued ~~to a bachelor social worker~~  
7 ~~or master social worker~~ under certain provisions of this Act authorizes the holder to  
8 practice social work only under certain supervision while the license is effective;  
9 ~~providing that a temporary license issued to a certified social worker or certified~~  
10 ~~social worker – clinical authorizes the holder to practice social work while the license~~  
11 ~~is effective~~; providing that a temporary license is valid ~~until certain notification for~~  
12 a certain period; altering the definition of a certain term; defining a certain term;  
13 making conforming changes; and generally relating to a temporary license to practice  
14 social work.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Health Occupations  
17 Section 19–101(a)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 Article – Health Occupations  
22 Section 19–101(e) and 19–310(a)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Health Occupations  
5 Section 19–101(w) and 19–309.1  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
9 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

10 **Article – Health Occupations**

11 19–101.

12 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (e) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise[, one]:

14 **(1) ONE** of four types of licenses issued by the Board authorizing an  
15 individual to practice:

16 **[(1)] (I)** Bachelor social work;

17 **[(2)] (II)** Master social work;

18 **[(3)] (III)** Certified social work; or

19 **[(4)] (IV)** Certified social work–clinical; **OR**

20 **(2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

21 **(W) “TEMPORARY LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD**  
22 **UNDER, AND AS LIMITED BY, § 19–309.1 OF THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE:**

23 **(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR**

24 **(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK;**

25 ~~**(3) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK; OR**~~

26 ~~**(4) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK–CLINICAL.**~~

27 **19–309.1.**

1 (A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO,  
 2 EXCEPT FOR PASSING AN EXAMINATION OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS  
 3 SUBTITLE, HAS MET THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE  
 4 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 19-302 OF THIS  
 5 SUBTITLE TO PRACTICE:

6 (1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK; OR

7 (2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK;

8 ~~(3) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK; OR~~

9 ~~(4) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK CLINICAL.~~

10 (B) ~~(1) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED TO A BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER~~  
 11 ~~OR MASTER SOCIAL WORKER UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO~~  
 12 PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A  
 13 BOARD-APPROVED SUPERVISOR WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.

14 ~~(2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED TO A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER~~  
 15 ~~OR CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER CLINICAL AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PRACTICE~~  
 16 ~~SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.~~

17 (C) A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS VALID UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

18 ~~(1) NOTIFICATION OF EXPIRATION BY THE BOARD FOR THE~~  
 19 ~~LICENSEE'S FAILURE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE EXAM;~~

20 ~~(2) NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION FOR THE LICENSEE'S FAILURE TO~~  
 21 ~~SUBMIT EXAM RESULTS TO THE BOARD; OR~~

22 ~~(3) NOTIFICATION OF PERMANENT LICENSURE; OR~~

23 ~~(2) 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE TEMPORARY LICENSE~~  
 24 ~~WAS ISSUED.~~

25 19-310.

26 (a) Unless the Board agrees to accept the surrender of a license, a licensed social  
 27 worker **OR THE HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY LICENSE** may not surrender the license nor  
 28 may the license lapse by operation of law while the licensee is under investigation or while  
 29 charges are pending against the social worker.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 31 October 1, 2021.