

Amend the proposed substitute to **SB 415** by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter G, Chapter 505, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 505.3575 to read as follows:

Sec. 505.3575. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS. (a) Notwithstanding any other licensing requirement of this subchapter:

(1) the board may not require an applicant who is licensed in good standing in another state to pass a licensing examination conducted by the board under Section 505.354 if an applicant with substantially equivalent experience who resides in this state would not be required to take the licensing examination; and

(2) the board may issue a license to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state to independently practice social work if:

(A) after an assessment, the board determines that the applicant:

(i) demonstrates sufficient experience and competence;

(ii) has passed the jurisprudence examination conducted by the board under Section 505.3545; and

(iii) at the time of the application, is in good standing with the regulatory agency of the state in which the applicant is licensed; and

(B) the applicant presents to the board credentials that the applicant obtained from a national accreditation organization and the board determines that the requirements to obtain the credentials are sufficient to minimize any risk to public safety.

(b) When assessing the experience and competence of an applicant for the purposes of this section, the board may take into consideration any supervision received by the applicant in another state or jurisdiction if the board determines that the supervision would be taken into consideration for the purpose of licensing or certification in the state or jurisdiction in which the applicant

received the supervision.