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H.B. No. 1797

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1797:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a person's eligibility to obtain a license in social
3 work.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 505.353(b), Occupations Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) An applicant may take the licensing examination
8 conducted by the board under Section 505.354 for:

9 (1) a master social worker license if the applicant
10 possesses a doctoral or master's degree in social work from a
11 graduate program that is accredited by or is in candidacy for
12 accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education;

13 (2) a baccalaureate social worker license if the
14 applicant possesses a baccalaureate degree in social work from an
15 educational program that is accredited by or is in candidacy for
16 accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education; or

17 (3) a clinical social worker license if the applicant
18 possesses a doctoral or master's degree in social work from an
19 accredited graduate program approved by the board and meets the
20 qualifications for clinical social work practice as determined by
21 the board under this chapter.

22 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
23 505.353, Occupations Code, apply to a license for which an
24 application is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A

1 license application filed before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.