

1-1 By: Naishtat (Senate Sponsor - Rodriguez) H.B. No. 1797
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2011;
1-3 May 12, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a person's eligibility to obtain a license in social
1-9 work.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 505.353(b), Occupations Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (b) An applicant may take the licensing examination
1-14 conducted by the board under Section 505.354 for:

1-15 (1) a master social worker license if the applicant
1-16 possesses a doctoral or master's degree in social work from a
1-17 graduate program that is accredited by or is in candidacy for
1-18 accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education;

1-19 (2) a baccalaureate social worker license if the
1-20 applicant possesses a baccalaureate degree in social work from an
1-21 educational program that is accredited by or is in candidacy for
1-22 accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education; or

1-23 (3) a clinical social worker license if the applicant
1-24 possesses a doctoral or master's degree in social work from an
1-25 accredited graduate program approved by the board and meets the
1-26 qualifications for clinical social work practice as determined by
1-27 the board under this chapter.

1-28 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
1-29 505.353, Occupations Code, apply to a license for which an
1-30 application is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-31 license application filed before the effective date of this Act is
1-32 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed,
1-33 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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