

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Naishtat

H.B. No. 1797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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.

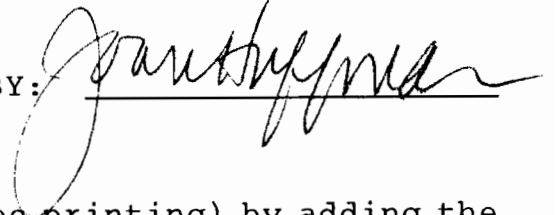
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MAY 23 2011

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Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: *Jonathan*



1 Amend H.B. No. 1797 (senate committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 505.003, Occupations Code, is amended
5 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) A person who teaches social work at an institution of
7 higher education or a private or independent institution of higher
8 education as those terms are defined by Section 61.003, Education
9 Code, is not required to hold a license under this chapter to the
10 extent the person confines the person's activities to teaching and
11 does not otherwise engage in the practice of social work.

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 24, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1797 by Naishtat (Relating to a person's eligibility to obtain a license in social work.), As Passed 2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 505, Occupations Code, to specify that applicants with degrees from graduate programs that are in candidacy for accreditation would be eligible to take the social worker licensing examination. The bill would also exempt persons teaching social work at an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education from licensing requirements if certain conditions are met.

It is assumed the Department of State Health Services can implement the bill with existing resources. The agency indicates that the bill could result in an undetermined loss of revenue to the state from licensure fees paid by those instructors who would no longer be required to hold a social worker license.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

LBB Staff: JOB, CL, VJC, NB

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 13, 2011

TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1797 by Naishtat (Relating to a person's eligibility to obtain a license in social work.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 505, Occupations Code, to specify that applicants with degrees from graduate programs that are in candidacy for accreditation would be eligible to take the social worker licensing examination.

The Department of State Health Services indicates that implementation of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 3, 2011

TO: Honorable Richard Pena Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1797 by Naishtat (Relating to a person's eligibility to obtain a license in social work.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

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Local Government Impact

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 18, 2011

TO: Honorable Richard Pena Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1797 by Naishtat (Relating to the licensing and practice of social work.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 505, Occupations Code, to specify that a person may not engage in the practice of social work unless licensed by the chapter. Applicants with degrees from graduate programs in candidacy for accreditation would be eligible to take the licensing examination.

The Department of State Health Services indicates that implementation of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of

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