

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 1472\***

Short Title: Amend Social Worker Licensure Laws. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives T. Harrell, Insko, Cotham, Justice (Primary Sponsors);  
Bryant, Farmer-Butterfield, Glazier, Harrison, Johnson, and Luebke.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO ALLOW FOR PROVISIONAL  
LICENSURE OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS UNDER THE LAWS  
REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 90B-3 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

**"§ 90B-3. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

...

(7a) Provisional Licensed Clinical Social Worker. – A person issued a provisional license to provide clinical social work services pursuant to G.S. 90B-7(f).

...."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 90B-6(i) reads as rewritten:

"(i) The Board may order that any records concerning the practice of social work and relevant to a complaint received by the Board or an inquiry or investigation conducted by or on behalf of the Board shall be produced by the custodian of the records to the Board or for inspection and copying by representatives of or counsel to the Board. A social worker certified or licensed by the Board shall maintain records for a minimum of 10 years from the date the social worker terminates services to the client and the client services record is closed. A social worker certified or licensed by the Board shall cooperate fully and in a timely manner with the Board and its designated representatives in an inquiry or investigation of the records conducted by or on behalf of the Board."

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 90B-7(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) The Board may issue a provisional license in clinical social work to a person who has a masters or doctoral degree in a social work program from a college or university having a social work program approved by the Council on Social Work

1 Education and desires to be licensed as a clinical social worker. The provisional license  
2 may not be issued for a period exceeding two years and the person issued the  
3 provisional license must practice under the supervision of a licensed clinical social  
4 worker or a Board-approved alternate. Notwithstanding G.S. 90B-6(g), a provisional  
5 licensee shall pass the qualifying clinical examination prescribed by the Board within  
6 two years to be eligible for renewal of the provisional license. The provisional licensee  
7 shall complete all requirements for full licensure within three renewal cycles, or a total  
8 of six years, unless otherwise directed by the Board."

9 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 90B-10(b) reads as rewritten:

10 "(b) The following may engage in clinical social work practice without meeting  
11 the requirements of G.S. 90B-7(d):

12 (1) ~~A person who has engaged in clinical social work practice for one year~~  
13 ~~prior to the effective date of this act and who properly applies for and~~  
14 ~~pays the required fees for a certificate as a certified clinical social~~  
15 ~~worker prior to January 1, 1993. Notwithstanding the foregoing~~  
16 ~~provision of this subdivision, any applicant who applied for~~  
17 ~~certification pursuant to this subdivision between December 1, 1993,~~  
18 ~~and January 15, 1994, and who is otherwise eligible for certification~~  
19 ~~under this subdivision but for the January 1, 1993, deadline shall be~~  
20 ~~certified.~~

21 (2) A student completing a clinical requirement for graduation while  
22 pursuing a course of study in social work in an institution accredited  
23 by or in candidacy status with the Council on Social Work Education.

24 (3) ~~An employee engaged in clinical social work practice exclusively for~~  
25 ~~one of the following employers:~~

26 a. ~~Expired.~~

27 b. ~~A hospital or health care facility licensed pursuant to Article 2~~  
28 ~~of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes or Articles 5 and 6 of~~  
29 ~~Chapter 131E of the General Statutes."~~

30 **SECTION 5.** Chapter 90B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
31 new section to read:

32 **"§ 90B-15. License or certificate to be displayed.**

33 A person licensed or certified under this Chapter shall conspicuously display the  
34 license or certificate issued by the Board at the licensee's or certificate holder's primary  
35 place of practice."

36 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.