

1 HB167
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3 By Representative Smith
4 RFD: Boards, Agencies and Commissions
5 First Read: 06-FEB-20

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To amend Section 34-30-57, Code of Alabama 1975,
9 relating to the duties of the Alabama Board of Social Work
10 Examiners; to authorize the board to charge and collect fees
11 for verifying the existence of a current license, reactivating
12 an inactive license, reinstating a lapsed license, making
13 application to act as a continuing education provider, and
14 registering a supervisor; to provide for exemptions; and to
15 make technical corrections to reflect changes in license
16 names.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Section 34-30-57 of the Code of Alabama
19 1975, is amended to read as follows:

20 "§34-30-57.

21 "In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in
22 this chapter, the Board of Social Work Examiners shall do all
23 of the following:

24 "(1) Recommend modifications and amendments to this
25 chapter.

26 "(2) Recommend to the appropriate district attorneys
27 prosecutions for the violations of this chapter, after and

1 only after the alleged violator has been notified of such
2 violation or violations and having been given 90 days to
3 disclaim, amend, and rectify such allegation.

4 "(3) Annually publish a list of the names and
5 addresses of all persons who are:

6 "a. "Licensed bachelor social workers," "licensed
7 ~~graduate master~~ master social workers," and "licensed ~~certified~~
8 independent clinical social workers" under this chapter.

9 "b. Eligible to engage in the private independent
10 practice of social work under this chapter.

11 "(4) Establish fees for initial examination,
12 licensure, certification, and renewal thereof; fees for
13 verifying the existence of a current license, reactivating an
14 inactive license, and reinstating a lapsed license; fees for
15 making application to the board to act as a continuing
16 education provider; and fees for registering a supervisor.

17 Nothing in this subdivision shall be interpreted as
18 requiring a state agency to pay any fees for the purposes of
19 verifying the licensure status of current or prospective
20 employees, registering any employee as a supervisor, or
21 providing continuing education to current or prospective
22 employees.

23 "(5) Establish requirements and standards for
24 continuing education. In establishing ~~such~~ requirements, the
25 board shall consult with those groups and organizations which
26 represent both the levels of practice specified in this
27 chapter and the various settings in which social work is

1 practiced. Furthermore, in developing ~~such~~ requirements, the
2 board shall consider, but shall not be limited in its
3 consideration to, agency recognized staff development programs
4 under the auspices of public agencies, continuing education
5 programs offered by colleges and universities having social
6 work programs approved or accredited by the Council on Social
7 Work Education, and continuing education programs offered by
8 recognized state and national social work bodies.

9 "(6) ~~Promulgate~~ Adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ pursuant
10 to the ~~State~~ Alabama Administrative Procedures Statute
11 Procedure Act that set forth professional standards for
12 "licensed bachelor social workers," "licensed ~~graduate~~ master
13 social workers," and "licensed ~~certified~~ independent clinical
14 social workers" who are certified for the private independent
15 practice of social work. Those proposed rules ~~and regulations~~
16 shall be published at least 30 days ~~prior to~~ before the public
17 hearing relative to the proposed rules ~~and regulations~~, and at
18 least 15 days ~~in advance of such~~ before the hearing, the board
19 shall publish notice of the date, time, and place where ~~such~~
20 the public hearings of the board ~~will~~ shall be held for the
21 purpose of adopting or amending rules ~~and regulations~~
22 pertaining to this chapter."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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House of Representatives

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