

Accompanying the nineteenth recommendation of the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (House, No. 42).
Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 132 of Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: —

5 Examinations for licensed certified social workers, including
6 those in independent practice, licensed social workers and licensed
7 social work associates shall be conducted at least twice annually
8 at times and places designated by the board.

1 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 112 is hereby further amended by
2 adding, after Section 131, the following section: —

3 Section 131A. Persons who meet the educational and
4 experience requirements for licensure as a licensed social worker,
5 as set forth in section one hundred thirty-one, and whose
6 application to take the examination for such a license has been
7 approved by the board may, upon payment of the appropriate
8 fee, be issued a temporary permit to practice as a licensed social
9 worker, under the supervision of a duly licensed certified social
10 worker, in accordance with the provisions of sections one hundred
11 thirty to one hundred thirty-seven, inclusive, and such regulations
12 as the board may prescribe.

13 Persons who meet the educational and experience requirements
14 for licensure as a licensed certified social worker, as set forth in
15 section one hundred thirty-one, and whose application to take the

16 examination for licensure as a licensed certified social worker has
17 been approved by the board, may, upon payment of the
18 appropriate fee, be issued a temporary permit to practice as a
19 licensed certified social worker, under the supervision of a duly
20 licensed independent clinical social worker, in accordance with the
21 provisions of sections one hundred thirty to one hundred thirty-
22 seven, inclusive, and such regulations as the board may prescribe.

23 Any person to whom a temporary permit is issued pursuant to
24 this section shall take the first available examination for the level
25 of licensure sought. In the event that the holder of such a permit
26 passes said examination, said permit shall expire ninety days after
27 the holder is notified of the examination results. In the event that
28 the holder of said permit fails said examination, the permit shall
29 expire immediately upon notification of the examination results,
30 but may be renewed upon the filing of an application to take the
31 next available examination for that level of licensure and payment
32 of the appropriate fee. In the event that the holder of said permit
33 fails the examination a second time, said permit may, with the
34 approval of the board, be renewed one additional time.