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ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Section 34-30-57, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the duties of the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners; to authorize the board to charge and collect fees for verifying the existence of a current license, reactivating an inactive license, reinstating a lapsed license, making application to act as a continuing education provider, and registering a supervisor; to provide for exemptions; and to make technical corrections to reflect changes in license names.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§34-30-57.

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

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

"(2) Recommend to the appropriate district attorneys prosecutions for the violations of this chapter, after and only after the alleged violator has been notified of such violation or violations and having been given 90 days to disclaim, amend, and rectify such allegation.

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

3           "a. ~~"Licensed bachelor social workers,"~~ ~~"licensed~~  
4 ~~graduate master~~ social workers," and ~~"licensed certified~~  
5 independent clinical social workers" under this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 07-APR-21, as amended.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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