

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **SB 255/HCS 1**

On page 2, line 8, by deleting "and"; and

On page 2, line 9, after "(h)" by inserting "Maintain competency in the practice of telehealth social work services through continuing education, consultation, and other methods, in conformance with standards of care and professional knowledge; and

(i) "; and

On page 3, line 6, after "(4)" by inserting "A social worker licensed in another state who delivers telehealth services to a client in Kentucky shall:

(a) Hold a Kentucky temporary permit;

(b) Be fully licensed in Kentucky; or

(c) Be licensed in a jurisdiction that is part of a social work compact that includes Kentucky.

(5) A social worker located in Kentucky who provides telehealth services shall be licensed in Kentucky in one (1) of the following ways:

(a) Hold a Kentucky temporary permit;

(b) Be fully licensed in Kentucky; or

(c) Be licensed in a jurisdiction that is part of a social work compact that includes Kentucky.

(6)"; and

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Rep. Rep. Randy Bridges

Committee Amendment _____

Signed: _____

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On page 3, after line 19, by inserting the following:

"➔Section 2. KRS 335.080 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall issue a license as "certified social worker" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (b) Is a person of good moral character;
 - (c) Has received a master's degree or doctorate degree in social work from an educational institution approved by the board;
 - (d) Has paid to the board an examination fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
 - (e) Has passed an examination approved~~prepared~~ by the board; and
 - (f) ~~Has not within the preceding three (3) months failed to pass an examination given by the board; and~~
 - ~~(g)~~ Has paid an initial license fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation.
- (2) The license shall be displayed in the licensee's principal place of practice, and shall entitle the licensee to hold himself forth to the public as providing services as authorized by KRS 335.010 to 335.160 and 335.990.
- (3) A certified social worker may engage in the practice of clinical social work by contracting, in writing, with a licensed clinical social worker who shall assume responsibility for and supervise the certified social worker's practice as directed by the board by promulgation of administrative regulations. The certified social worker shall, for purposes of this section, be an employee of an institution or organization in which the certified social worker has no direct or indirect interest other than employment. No certified social worker shall enter into a practice of clinical social work until this contract has been approved by the board, and

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shall cease the practice of clinical social work immediately upon the termination of the contract. At the termination of the contract, the certified social worker shall apply for licensure as a licensed clinical social worker or request an extension of the contract from the board.

➔Section 3. KRS 335.090 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall issue a license as "licensed social worker" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (b) Is a person of good moral character;
 - (c)
 1. Has received a baccalaureate degree in a social work or social welfare program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or
 2. Has received a baccalaureate degree and has completed courses equivalent to a social work or social welfare program as determined by the board;
 - (d) Has paid to the board an examination fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
 - (e) Has passed an examination approved~~prepared~~ by the board; and
 - (f) ~~Has not within the preceding three (3) months failed to pass an examination given by the board; and~~
 - ~~(g) Has paid an initial license fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation.~~
- (2) The license shall be displayed in the licensee's principal place of practice, and shall entitle the licensee to hold himself forth to the public as providing services as authorized by KRS 335.010 to 335.160 and 335.990.

➔Section 4. KRS 335.100 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The board shall issue a license as "licensed clinical social worker" to an applicant who

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meets the following requirements:

- (a) Has received a master's degree or doctoral degree in social work from an educational institution approved by the board;
 - (b) Has had a minimum of two (2) years of full time post-master's experience, consisting of at least thirty (30) hours per week, or three (3) years of part time, consisting of at least twenty (20) hours per week, post-master's degree experience acceptable to the board in the use of specialty methods and measures to be employed in clinical social work practice, the experience having been acquired under appropriate supervision as established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
 - (c) Has paid to the board an examination fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation;
 - (d) Has passed an examination approved~~prepared~~ by the board for this purpose; and
 - (e) ~~Has not within the preceding three (3) months failed to pass an examination given by the board; and~~
 - ~~(f) Has paid an initial license fee established by the board by promulgation of an administrative regulation.~~
- (2) The license shall be displayed in the licensee's principal place of practice, and shall entitle the licensee to hold himself forth to the public as providing services as authorized by KRS 335.010 to 335.160 and KRS 335.990.
 - (3) A licensed clinical social worker may contract with a certified social worker in the practice of clinical social work as provided in KRS 335.080(3). The licensed clinical social worker shall assume responsibility for and supervise the certified social worker's practice as directed by the board by promulgation of administrative regulations.

➔SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 335 IS CREATED TO READ
AS FOLLOWS:

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- (1) The board may, by a majority vote, issue an emergency order for the immediate, temporary suspension of a license, a multistate license, or temporary permit against which disciplinary action, an investigation, or initiating complaint is pending if the order is necessary to protect the public.
- (2) An emergency order issued pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B and shall be based upon a finding by the board that the emergency order is in the public interest and that there is substantial evidence of immediate danger to the health, welfare, or safety of the social worker's clients, animals, or the general public.
- (3) A licensee, multistate licensee, or temporary permit holder may appeal an emergency order issued pursuant to this section by filing a written request, within thirty (30) days after issuance of the emergency order, to the board for an emergency hearing in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
- (4) An appeal of an emergency order shall address only the necessity of the emergency order and shall not constitute an appeal of the merits of any underlying complaint or charge.
- (5) An emergency order shall remain in effect until:

 - (a) Modified or vacated by the board or a hearing officer; or
 - (b) Superseded by a final order or disciplinary action by the board or a hearing officer on the underlying complaint or charge.
- (6) The board shall expedite disciplinary hearings in which a license, multistate license, or temporary permit has been suspended pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
- (7) Any party aggrieved by a final order of the board may appeal to the Franklin Circuit Court after a written decision is issued by the board in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B."