

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

By: Rice

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1261.1, which
relates to the licensing of social workers and
social work associates; modifying certain
accreditation specifications for qualification
requirements for certain licenses; and declaring an
emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1261.1, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1261.1 A. Upon certification by the executive
secretary to the Board, the Board shall authorize the issuance of
licenses to persons who qualify as follows:

1. As a licensed social work associate who has a baccalaureate
degree in social work from an institution with a program accredited
by the Council of Social Work Education and has two (2) years of
post graduate experience in the practice of social work under
professional supervision of a person licensed under these
provisions, and passed the examination provided for under these

provisions or who has a doctoral or master's degree in social work from an institution with a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education and has passed the examination provided for under these provisions. Provided, however, any such institution which has a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education within two (2) years of the applicant's graduation from such program shall be considered accredited for purposes of this paragraph; and

2. As a licensed social worker who has a doctoral or master's degree in social work from an institution with a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education, and has two (2) years of post graduate experience in the practice of social work under professional supervision of a person licensed under those provisions, and who has passed the examination provided for under the provisions of the Social Worker's Licensing Act. Provided, however, any such institution which has a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education within two (2) years of the applicant's graduation from such program shall be considered accredited for purposes of this paragraph.

B. No person may engage in the private, independent practice of social work unless he or she:

1. Is licensed under this act as a licensed social worker;

2. Has had two (2) years of post graduate supervised experience certified by the Board in the method to be offered in private practice and met the requirements set by the Board; and

3. After January 1, 1983, shall continue to meet continuing education requirements set by the Board.

Certification by the Board that such person be licensed to engage in private independent practice shall be noted by an appropriate special designation to be placed on the licensed social worker's license. The Board shall designate such specialties as it deems proper for special certification.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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