

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2640

By: O'Neal and Ferguson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to social workers; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1261.1, which relates to issuance of licenses; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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; 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.

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

1. Is licensed ~~under this act~~ pursuant to the Social Worker's Licensing 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~~ 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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