

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE BILL 1459

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending Section 9, Chapter 85, O.S.L. 2003 (59 O.S.
9 Supp. 2008, Section 1261.1a), which relates to social
10 worker license renewal requirements; adding certain
11 training requirements; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 85, O.S.L. 2003
15 (59 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 1261.1a), is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Section 1261.1a A. Licensees shall be required to renew their
18 license at such time and in such manner established by the State
19 Board of Licensed Social Workers by rule, including the form of
20 application and payment of the applicable renewal fee. Under no
21 circumstances shall the renewal period exceed two (2) years.

22 B. As a requirement for license renewal, each licensee shall
23 provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that such licensee has
24 annually completed at least sixteen (16) hours of a program of

1 continuing education as prescribed by the Board. Each licensee
2 applying for first-time renewal shall complete not less than six (6)
3 hours of social worker safety training, including self-defense
4 tactics, as part of such continuing education, or in addition to
5 continuing education requirements, as prescribed by the Board.
6 Beginning in the year 2013 and every subsequent ten (10) years, all
7 licensed social workers, except first-time renewal applicants, shall
8 complete not less than three (3) hours of social worker training,
9 including self-defense tactics.

10 C. The Board shall also provide procedures by rule to ensure
11 that license renewal candidates maintain the qualifications to
12 practice social work, as set forth in this act.

13 D. If a social worker fails to make application to the Board
14 for renewal of a license within a period of ninety (90) days after
15 the expiration of the license, such person must reapply as an
16 initial applicant for licensure and pass the current licensure
17 examination; however, a person who has been licensed under the laws
18 of this state and the license has expired, but who has continually
19 practiced social work in another state under a license issued by the
20 authority of such state, may renew the license upon completion of
21 the continuing education requirements set forth by the Board and
22 payment of the designated fee.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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