



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB5110

by Rep. Lou Lang

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 20/12.5  
225 ILCS 107/70

Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act and the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall (rather than may) issue a license as a clinical social worker, social worker, professional counselor, or clinical professional counselor, without the required examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction if the requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction are, on the date of licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements under the Act or to any person who, at the time of his or her licensure, possessed individual qualifications that were substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State. Requires the Department to issue the license not more than 60 days after a completed application is received by the Department. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work  
5 Practice Act is amended by changing Section 12.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 20/12.5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 12.5. Endorsement. The Department shall ~~may~~ issue a  
9 license as a clinical social worker or as a social worker,  
10 without the required examination, to an applicant licensed  
11 under the laws of another jurisdiction if the requirements for  
12 licensure in that jurisdiction are, on the date of licensure,  
13 substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act or to  
14 any person who, at the time of his or her licensure, possessed  
15 individual qualifications that were substantially equivalent  
16 to the requirements then in force in this State. An applicant  
17 under this Section shall pay the required fees. The Department  
18 shall issue a license under this Section not more than 60 days  
19 after a completed application is received by the Department.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-687, eff. 10-23-07.)

21 Section 10. The Professional Counselor and Clinical  
22 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act is amended by

1 changing Section 70 as follows:

2 (225 ILCS 107/70)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2023)

4 Sec. 70. Endorsement. The Department shall ~~may~~ issue a  
5 license as a licensed professional counselor or licensed  
6 clinical professional counselor, without the required  
7 examination, to (i) an applicant licensed under the laws of  
8 another state or United States jurisdiction whose standards in  
9 the opinion of the Department, were substantially equivalent at  
10 the date of his or her licensure in the other jurisdiction to  
11 the requirements of this Act or (ii) any person who, at the  
12 time of licensure, possessed individual qualifications which  
13 were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act.  
14 Such an applicant shall pay all of the required fees. The  
15 Department shall issue a license under this Section not more  
16 than 60 days after a completed application is received by the  
17 Department.

18 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to  
19 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
20 completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the  
21 fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the  
22 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

23 (Source: P.A. 87-1011; 87-1269.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.