



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1455

Introduced 2/6/2013, by Sen. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 20/11

from Ch. 111, par. 6361

Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act. Provides that no fewer than 3 of the continuing education hours required by the Act must include content that relates to cultural competence in the practice of social work. Provides that no more than 50% of the continuing education hours may be obtained by a method other than face-to-face instruction or other experience, unless a waiver or variance is allowed. Effective immediately.

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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 11 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 20/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 6361)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

8 Sec. 11. Licenses; renewal; restoration; person in
9 military service; inactive status.

10 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each license
11 issued under this Act shall be set by rule. The licensee may
12 renew a license during the 60-day period preceding its
13 expiration date by paying the required fee and by demonstrating
14 compliance with any continuing education requirements. The
15 Department shall adopt rules establishing minimum requirements
16 of continuing education and means for verification of the
17 completion of the continuing education requirements. No fewer
18 than 3 of the continuing education hours must include content
19 that relates to cultural competence in the practice of social
20 work. In addition, no more than 50% of the continuing education
21 hours may be obtained by a method other than face-to-face
22 instruction or other experience, unless a waiver or variance is
23 allowed. The Department may, by rule, specify circumstances

1 under which the continuing education requirements may be
2 waived.

3 (b) Any person who has permitted a license to expire or who
4 has a license on inactive status may have it restored by
5 submitting an application to the Department and filing proof of
6 fitness, as defined by rule, to have the license restored,
7 including, if appropriate, evidence which is satisfactory to
8 the Department certifying the active practice of clinical
9 social work or social work in another jurisdiction and by
10 paying the required fee.

11 (b-5) If the person has not maintained an active practice
12 in another jurisdiction which is satisfactory to the
13 Department, the Department shall determine the person's
14 fitness to resume active status. The Department may also
15 require the person to complete a specific period of evaluated
16 clinical social work or social work experience and may require
17 successful completion of an examination.

18 (b-7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any
19 person whose license expired while on active duty with the
20 armed forces of the United States, while called into service or
21 training with the State Militia or in training or education
22 under the supervision of the United States government prior to
23 induction into the military service may have his or her license
24 restored without paying any renewal fees if, within 2 years
25 after the honorable termination of that service, training or
26 education, except under conditions other than honorable, the

1 Department is furnished with satisfactory evidence that the
2 person has been so engaged and that the service, training or
3 education has been so terminated.

4 (c) A license to practice shall not be denied any applicant
5 because of the applicant's race, religion, creed, national
6 origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex, sexual
7 orientation, or physical impairment.

8 (d) (Blank).

9 (e) (Blank).

10 (f) (Blank).

11 (g) The Department shall indicate on each license the
12 academic degree of the licensee.

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

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.