

AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

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

(225 ILCS 20/12.5)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

Sec. 12.5. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license as a clinical social worker or as a social worker, 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 of this 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. An applicant under this Section shall pay the required fees.

An individual applying for licensure as a clinical social worker who has been licensed at the independent level in another United States jurisdiction for 10 consecutive years without discipline is not required to submit proof of completion of the education and supervised clinical professional experience required in paragraph (3) of Section 9

and proof of passage of the examination required in paragraph (4) of Section 9. Individuals with 10 consecutive years of experience must submit certified verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and must comply with all other licensing requirements and pay all required fees.

If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

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

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

Section 10. The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act is amended by changing Section 65 as follows:

(225 ILCS 55/65) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-65)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

Sec. 65. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license as a licensed marriage and family therapist, without the required

examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws of another state if the requirements for licensure in that state are, on the date of licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act or to a person who, at the time of his or her application for licensure, possessed individual qualifications that were substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State. An applicant under this Section shall pay all of the required fees.

An individual applying for licensure as a licensed marriage and family therapist who has been licensed at the independent level in another United States jurisdiction for 10 consecutive years without discipline is not required to submit proof of completion of the education, professional experience, and supervision required in Section 40. Individuals with 10 consecutive years of experience must submit certified verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and must comply with all other licensing requirements and pay all required fees.

If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been

completed within the 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 100-372, eff. 8-25-17.)

Section 15. The Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act is amended by changing Section 70 as follows:

(225 ILCS 107/70)

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

Sec. 70. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license as a licensed professional counselor or licensed clinical professional counselor, without the required examination, to (i) an applicant licensed under the laws of another state or United States jurisdiction whose standards in the opinion of the Department, were substantially equivalent at the date of his or her licensure in the other jurisdiction to the requirements of this Act or (ii) any person who, at the time of licensure, possessed individual qualifications which were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act. Such an applicant shall pay all of the required fees.

An individual applying for licensure as a clinical professional counselor who has been licensed independent level in another United States jurisdiction for 10 consecutive years without discipline is not required to submit proof of

completion of the supervised employment or experience required in subsection (b) of Section 45. Individuals with 10 consecutive years of experience must submit certified verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and must comply with all other licensing requirements and pay all required fees.

If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

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

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