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A Bill

SENATE BILL 172

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK
9 LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR
10 STUDENTS; TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO
11 "ENDORSEMENT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-103-104(c), concerning the exemptions
24 for licensing of social workers, is amended to read as follows:

25 (c) This chapter does not limit the activities and services of a
26 graduate or undergraduate student from an accredited educational institution
27 who is currently enrolled in social work program that is accredited by the
28 Council on Social Work Education if he or she does not represent himself or
29 herself as a social worker.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-103-203(b)(1), concerning the powers and
32 duties of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 (1) Establish the criteria and process for licensure through
35 ~~reciprocity~~ endorsement;
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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-103-302 is amended to read as follows:
2 17-103-302. Reciprocity Endorsement.

3 The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board may grant a license without
4 examination to a person meeting all of the other requirements of this chapter
5 and who at the time of application is licensed as a social worker by a
6 similar board of another state, territory, district, or Canadian province
7 whose standards, in the opinion of the ~~board~~ Arkansas Social Work Licensing
8 Board, are ~~not lower than~~ substantially equivalent to those required by this
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