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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE AND
SCHEDULE FOR LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND
LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE EXAMINATION
REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE OF MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-195o of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) Application for licensure shall be on forms prescribed and
4 furnished by the commissioner. Each applicant shall furnish evidence
5 satisfactory to the commissioner that he or she has met the
6 requirements of section 20-195n. The application fee for a clinical social
7 worker license shall be three hundred fifteen dollars. The application
8 fee for a master social worker license shall be two hundred twenty
9 dollars.

10 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-195n concerning
11 examinations, on or before [October 1, 2015] April 1, 2026, the
12 commissioner may issue a license without examination, to any master
13 social worker applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the

14 commissioner that, on or before October 1, [2013] 2023, he or she held a
15 master's degree from a social work program accredited by the Council
16 on Social Work Education or, if educated outside the United States or
17 its territories, completed an educational program deemed equivalent
18 by the council.

19 (c) Each person licensed pursuant to this chapter may apply for
20 renewal of such licensure in accordance with the provisions of
21 subsection (e) of section 19a-88, as amended by this act. A fee of one
22 hundred [ninety-five] dollars shall accompany each renewal
23 application for a licensed master social worker or a licensed clinical
24 social worker. Each such applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory
25 to the commissioner of having satisfied the continuing education
26 requirements prescribed in section 20-195u.

27 (d) (1) An individual who has been convicted of any criminal
28 offense may request, in writing, at any time, that the commissioner
29 determine whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies
30 the individual from obtaining a license issued or conferred by the
31 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
32 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
33 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with
34 such license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation
35 of the individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or
36 release of the individual.

37 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of
38 the individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by
39 the commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more
40 than fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
41 commissioner may waive such fee.

42 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
43 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
44 request whether, based on the criminal record information provided,
45 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license

46 issued or conferred pursuant to this chapter.

47 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
48 this subsection, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner
49 determines that an individual's criminal conviction differs from the
50 information presented in the determination request.

51 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes is
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
53 *October 1, 2023*):

54 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
55 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll
56 and chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383, [to
57 383c, inclusive] ~~383a, 383c~~, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or
58 400a and section 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a
59 person holding a license as a marital and family therapist associate
60 under section 20-195c on or before twenty-four months after the date
61 of initial licensure, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
62 renewal of such license or certificate to the Department of Public
63 Health, giving such person's name in full, such person's residence and
64 business address and such other information as the department
65 requests.

66 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
67 19a-514, and chapters 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall
68 apply for renewal of such license or certificate once every two years,
69 during the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in
70 full, such person's residence and business address and such other
71 information as the department requests.

72 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt
73 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years,
74 during the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in
75 full, such person's residence and business address and such other
76 information as the department requests.

77 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to
 78 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
 79 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
 80 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
 81 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
 82 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
 83 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
 84 department.

85 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
 86 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure,
 87 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

88 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-
 89 162bb shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply
 90 for renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon
 91 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
 92 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
 93 other information as the department requests.

94 (7) Each person holding a license issued under chapter 383b shall,
 95 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
 96 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
 97 license to the Department of Public Health, giving such person's name
 98 in full, such person's residence and business address and such other
 99 information as the department requests.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	20-195o
Sec. 2	October 1, 2023	19a-88(e)

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