



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7292

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKER TITLE PROTECTION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) (a) No person shall (1)
2 use the title "social worker" or any initials associated with such title, or
3 (2) advertise services described as clinical social work, as defined in
4 section 20-195m of the general statutes, unless such person has (A)
5 attained a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from a
6 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or (B)
7 attained a doctoral degree in social work.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health or his or her duly authorized
9 representative shall notify any person who is violating the provisions
10 of subsection (a) of this section to cease using the title of social worker
11 or any initials associated with such title, or to cease advertising
12 services described as clinical social work. Such notice shall also be sent
13 to the employer of such person, if applicable.

14 (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent any person employed by the
15 state of Connecticut prior to July 1, 2019, with a title in the social work
16 series of the classified service from using a title in such series to
17 describe or perform his or her duties in the course of his or her
18 employment with the state of Connecticut. The state of Connecticut
19 may employ social work trainees and social workers who do not hold

20 a social work degree at the time of hire and such employees may use
21 the title social worker trainee or social worker if such hires attain a
22 master's degree in social work from a program accredited by the
23 Council on Social Work Education or a doctoral degree in social work
24 not later than five years after their date of employment with the state
25 of Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	New section

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*