

House Bill 793

By: Representatives Barton of the 5th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Cooper of the 45th, and Dempsey of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to licensing provisions regarding professional counselors, social workers, and
3 marriage and family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work
4 enrolled in a master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination
5 in their final semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 licensing provisions regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and
11 family therapists, is amended by revising Code Section 43-10A-9, relating to examination,
12 as follows:

13 "43-10A-9.

14 (a) The board shall provide for the conduct of examinations for licensure in each specialty
15 at least twice a year. Examinations may be written, oral, experiential, or any combination
16 thereof and shall deal with such theoretical and applied fields as prescribed by the board.

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17 The examinee's name shall not be disclosed to any person grading the examination until
18 that grading is complete.

19 (b) An applicant for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree in social work
20 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may sit for the master's
21 social work licensing examination in such applicant's final semester of the program. The
22 board may adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this subsection."

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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.