

HOUSE No. 153

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide for the alternative method of examining competency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James J. O'Day

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Worcester

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 153) of James J. O'Day relative to granting provisional social worker licenses under an alternative method of examining competency. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to provide for the alternative method of examining competency.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 112, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 132 the following new section:-

3 Section 132A: (a) A provisional license shall be granted under the Alternative Method of
4 Examining Competency (AMEC) to those applicants who have taken the examination for a
5 licensed certified social worker no less than two times and failed within 15 points. The
6 provisional license shall be valid for a maximum of one year. The licensee shall complete
7 professional development, supervisory and educational requirements within no less than one
8 year. Upon completion of the provisional license requirements the licensee shall be exempt from
9 section 132 and granted a full license.

10 (b) A licensee operating with a provisional license under the AMEC shall maintain a
11 Professional Portfolio that shall include the following:

12 i. Affidavits of understanding regarding the AMEC process;

- 13 ii. Eleven (11) separate 3-5 page typed, double spaced papers, each one covering a
14 separate, specific core content area of social work practice;
- 15 iii. A daily journal of the probationary licensee’s activities and supervision for the
16 probationary period;
- 17 iv. A 7-10 page typed, double spaced case analysis covering the probationary
18 licensee’s work with a typical client during the probationary period;
- 19 v. A 3-5 page typed, double spaced self-evaluation completed by the probationary
20 licensee which includes an analysis of the licensee’s professional knowledge, skills and abilities;
- 21 vi. Quarterly evaluations completed and submitted to the board by the supervisor
22 regarding the probationary licensee’s development;
- 23 vii. An evaluation of the supervisor’s supervision skills completed by the
24 probationary licensee;
- 25 viii. A notarized affidavit from the supervisor attesting to the readiness of the
26 probationary licensee’s ability to perform as a professional social worker based on the
27 knowledge, skills and abilities observed during the supervision period.