

LEGISLATIVE BILL 506

Approved by the Governor May 8, 1993

Introduced by Schellpeper, 18

AN ACT relating to certified social workers; to amend section 71-1,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change provisions relating to applications for certification; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 71-1,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

71-1,258. (1) A person shall be qualified to be a certified master social worker if he or she (a) has a doctorate or a master's degree in social work from an approved educational program, (b) has had a minimum of at least three thousand hours of experience, in addition to the master's or doctorate degree, in social work under the supervision of a certified master social worker, (c) provides evidence to the board that he or she meets the requirements of subdivisions (1)(a) and (1)(b) of this section, and (d) satisfactorily passes an examination approved by the board. The department, upon the recommendation of the board, may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations defining the experience required under subdivision (1)(b) of this section.

(2) A person shall be qualified to be a certified social worker if he or she:

(a) Provides evidence to the board that he or she has a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work:

(i) From an approved educational program; or

(ii) From any program of social work education and training in which the person was enrolled between July 17, 1983, and October 1, 1987, if the person applies to the department for a certificate by October 1, 1990;

(b) Applies to the department for a certificate by October 1, 1991, and provides evidence to the board that he or she:

(i) Has a baccalaureate or master's degree in a field related to social work; such as; psychology, sociology, gerontology, human services, human development, family relations, or counseling; and

(ii) Has been actually engaged in the practice of social work for at least one thousand hours in a nursing home; or

(c) Applies to the department for a certificate by October 1, 1991, and provides evidence to the board that he or she has been:

(i) Actually ~~actually~~ engaged in the practice of social work in a nursing home at least twenty hours per week for at least three of the seven years prior to making such application; or

(ii) Actually engaged in the practice of social work full time

during two of the seven years prior to making such application. The department shall, at the request of the applicant, consider any application filed by October 1, 1991, and any appeal from a decision on such application on the basis of the provisions of this subdivision. No reconsideration of an application filed by October 1, 1991, shall be considered after October 1, 1994.

For purposes of this subsection, actually engaged in the practice of social work may include (†) services and activities provided under the direct supervision of a person with at least a master's degree in social work from an approved educational program or (††) services and activities which are classified by title or description of duties and responsibilities as social work practice.

Sec. 2. That original section 71-1,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.