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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to social work; providing for temporary license for social work under
1.3 certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148D.060,
1.4 subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 13, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148D.060, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. Programs in candidacy status. The board may issue a temporary
1.9 license to practice social work to an applicant who has completed the requirements for a
1.10 baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work from a program in candidacy status with
1.11 the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social
1.12 Work, or a similar accreditation body designated by the board, and has:

- 1.13 (1) applied for a license under section 148D.055;
- 1.14 (2) applied for a temporary license on a form provided by the board;
- 1.15 (3) submitted a form provided by the board authorizing the board to complete a
1.16 criminal background check;
- 1.17 (4) passed the applicable licensure examination provided for in section 148D.055;
- 1.18 and
- 1.19 (5) not engaged in conduct that is in violation of the standards of practice specified
1.20 in sections 148D.195 to 148D.240. If the applicant has engaged in conduct that is in
1.21 violation of the standards of practice, the board may take action according to sections
1.22 148D.255 to 148D.270.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148D.060, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.1 Subd. 5. **Temporary license term.** (a) A temporary license is valid until expiration,
 2.2 or until the board issues or denies the license pursuant to section 148D.055, or until the
 2.3 board revokes the temporary license, whichever comes first. A temporary license is
 2.4 nonrenewable.

2.5 (b) A temporary license issued pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 expires after six
 2.6 months.

2.7 (c) A temporary license issued pursuant to subdivision 3 expires after 12 months but
 2.8 may be extended at the board's discretion upon a showing that the social work program
 2.9 remains in good standing with the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian
 2.10 Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body designated by
 2.11 the board. If the board receives notice from the Council on Social Work Education,
 2.12 the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body
 2.13 designated by the board that the social work program is not in good standing, or that
 2.14 the accreditation will not be granted to the social work program, the temporary license
 2.15 is immediately revoked.

2.16 ~~(c)~~ (d) A temporary license issued pursuant to subdivision ~~3~~ 4 expires after 12
 2.17 months.

2.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148D.060, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.19 Subd. 6. **Licensee with temporary license; baccalaureate degree.** A licensee
 2.20 with a temporary license who has provided evidence to the board that the licensee has
 2.21 completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program
 2.22 accredited by, or in candidacy status with, the Council on Social Work Education,
 2.23 the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body
 2.24 designated by the board may temporarily engage in social work practice except that a
 2.25 licensee with a temporary license may not engage in clinical social work practice.

2.26 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148D.060, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.27 Subd. 7. **Licensee with temporary license; graduate degree.** A licensee with a
 2.28 temporary license who has provided evidence to the board that the licensee has completed
 2.29 the requirements for a graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by, or in
 2.30 candidacy status with, the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association
 2.31 of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body designated by the board may
 2.32 temporarily engage in social work practice, including clinical practice.

2.33 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148D.060, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

3.1 Subd. 13. **Revocation of temporary license.** The board may immediately revoke
3.2 the temporary license of any licensee who violates any requirements of this section. The
3.3 revocation must be made for cause, ~~without notice or opportunity to be heard.~~ A licensee
3.4 whose temporary license is revoked must immediately return the temporary license to
3.5 the board.