



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 7198***

*January Session, 2019*



### ***AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKERS.***

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

1       Section 1. Section 20-195q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3       (a) No person shall (1) use the title "licensed master social worker"  
4       or any initials associated with such title, or (2) advertise services under  
5       the description of a licensed master social worker, as defined in section  
6       20-195m, unless such person is licensed as a master social worker  
7       pursuant to this chapter.

8       (b) No person shall (1) use the title "licensed clinical social worker"  
9       or any initials associated with such title, or (2) advertise services under  
10      the description of a licensed clinical social worker, as defined in section  
11      20-195m, unless such person is licensed as a clinical social worker  
12      pursuant to this chapter.

13      (c) No person shall (1) use the title "social worker" or any initials  
14      associated with such title, or (2) advertise services under the  
15      description of "social worker", unless such person has earned a  
16      baccalaureate, master's or doctorate degree in social work from a social  
17      work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or,  
18      if educated outside of the United States or its territories, has completed

19 an educational program deemed equivalent by said council.

20     ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit: (1) A student enrolled  
21 in a doctoral or master's degree program accredited by the Council on  
22 Social Work Education from performing such work as is incidental to  
23 his course of study, provided such person is designated by a title  
24 which clearly indicates his status as a student; (2) a person licensed or  
25 certified in this state in a field other than clinical social work from  
26 practicing within the scope of such license or certification; (3) a person  
27 enrolled in an educational program or fulfilling other state  
28 requirements leading to licensure or certification in a field other than  
29 social work from engaging in work in such other field; (4) a person  
30 who is employed or retained as a social work designee, social worker,  
31 or social work consultant by a nursing home or rest home licensed  
32 under section 19a-490 and who meets the qualifications prescribed by  
33 the department in its regulations from performing the duties required  
34 of them in accordance with state and federal laws governing those  
35 duties; ~~[(5) for the period from October 1, 2010, to October 1, 2013,~~  
36 ~~inclusive, a master social worker from engaging in independent~~  
37 ~~practice; (6)]~~ (5) a social worker from practicing community  
38 organization, policy and planning, research or administration that  
39 does not include engaging in clinical social work or supervising a  
40 social worker engaged in clinical treatment with clients; ~~[(7)]~~ (6)  
41 individuals with a baccalaureate degree in social work from a Council  
42 on Social Work Education accredited program from performing  
43 nonclinical social work functions; and ~~[(8)]~~ (7) a person who holds a  
44 professional educator certificate issued by the State Board of Education  
45 pursuant to section 10-145b, with a school social worker endorsement,  
46 from using the title of school social worker to describe such person's  
47 activities while working in a public or nonpublic school in the state.

48     Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 20-195s of the general statutes is  
49 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
50 *October 1, 2019*):

51     (a) An individual licensed as a master social worker pursuant to

52 section 20-195n may: (1) Practice clinical social work under  
 53 professional supervision; and (2) offer a mental health diagnosis  
 54 provided such diagnosis is offered in consultation with a physician  
 55 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, an advanced practice registered  
 56 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378, a psychologist licensed  
 57 pursuant to chapter 383, a marital and family therapist licensed  
 58 pursuant to chapter 383a, a professional counselor licensed pursuant to  
 59 chapter 383c or a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to this  
 60 chapter. [Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 20-195q, a] A  
 61 licensed master social worker may not engage in independent practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2019	20-195q
Sec. 2	October 1, 2019	20-195s(a)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 2(a), "Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 20-195q, a" was bracketed, the opening and closing brackets around "(c)" were deleted, "(d)" and "as amended by this act," were deleted and "A" was inserted after the closing bracket for consistency with the provisions of Section 1(d).

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*