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H 1069. SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE (=S 1157). RECLASSIFYING CERTIFIED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AS LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND REVISING THE FEES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE OF SOCIAL WORKERS.

Makes various amendments to GS Ch. 90B for purpose indicated in title. Renames NC Certification Board for Social Work as NC Social Work Certification and Licensure Board. Adds new GS 90B-6.2 to require Board to establish fees not to exceed following amounts: (1) initial applications, \$200; (2) examination, cost plus amount not to exceed \$40; (3) repeated examination or any additional examination, cost plus amount not to exceed \$40; (4) renewal applications, \$200; (5) late fees for renewal, \$50; (6) reinstatement, \$200; (7) duplicate license, \$25; (8) temporary certificate or license, \$25. Amends GS 90B-8 (applicants from other jurisdictions) to provide that applicant must have passed examination in country, state, or territory in which applicant is certified, registered, or licensed that is equivalent to examination required for level of certification or licensure sought in NC. Also sets out standards for issuance of temporary license. Amends GS 90B-9(c) to require that certificate or license be automatically suspended for failure to renew for period of more than 60 days after renewal date, and sets out provisions on reinstatement. Amends GS 90B-11 (disciplinary procedures) to allow Board to take other actions instead of denying, suspending, or revoking application, certificate, or license (such as issuing reprimand or censure, ordering probation, and requiring examination, remediation, or rehabilitation). Sets out provisions for hearings and whether records are public documents when involved in disciplinary process.

Intro. by Alexander.

Ref. to Finance

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H 1069. SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes provision allowing Board to assess costs of disciplinary actions against applicants. Changes effective date to July 1, 1999 (was, when act becomes law). Makes other technical changes.