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HOUSE BILL 316

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSING; AMENDING A PROVISION OF THE SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-31-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 51, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-31-4. LICENSE REQUIRED. --

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this section, effective January 1, 1990, unless licensed to practice social work under the Social Work Practice Act, no person shall:

(1) practice as an independent social worker as defined in the Social Work Practice Act; or

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 (2) use the title or represent himself as a
2 licensed social worker or use any other title, abbreviation,
3 letters, figures, signs or devices that indicate the person is
4 licensed as a social worker.

5 B. ~~[Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A~~
6 ~~of this section, any]~~ An individual who is [employed in an
7 ~~executive agency on or after the effective date of the Social~~
8 ~~Work Practice Act under the title of]~~ hired by the children,
9 youth and families department prior to July 1, 2003 as a
10 social worker or [other title which is deemed] in a position
11 the duties and authorities of which are determined to be
12 social work practice by the board and who has a bachelor's
13 degree or higher in a field other than social work shall not
14 be required to be licensed until July 1, [1992] 2005 [provided
15 any employee of an executive agency who qualifies for
16 licensure under the provisions of the Social Work Practice Act
17 shall apply for licensure as provided in that act]. "

18 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
19 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
20 immediately.