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To: House Bill No. 5166

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-195o of the 2026 supplement
4 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-195n concerning
7 examinations, on or before October 1, 2015, the commissioner may issue
8 a license without examination, to any master social worker applicant
9 who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that, on or
10 before October 1, 2013, he or she held a master's degree from a social
11 work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or,
12 if educated outside the United States or its territories, completed an
13 educational program deemed equivalent by the council.

14 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-195n concerning
15 examinations, the commissioner shall waive the requirement to pass the
16 masters level examination of the Association of Social Work Boards or
17 any other examination prescribed by the commissioner, as described in
18 subsection (b) of section 20-195n until [January 1, 2026] July 1, 2029, at
19 which time such requirement shall be reinstated. Not later than [July
20 1, 2025] January 1, 2029, the commissioner shall notify institutions of
21 higher education offering social work programs about the reinstatement
22 of the examination for all persons graduating after [January 1, 2026] July
23 1, 2029."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-195o(b)