

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO SOCIAL WORK LICENSING ACT; AMENDING SECTION 54-3202, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-3209, IDAHO CODE, TO INCREASE THE APPLICATION FEE CAP AND TO INCREASE THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE CAP.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-3202, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3202. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the terms defined in this section shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning.

(1) "Board" means the state board of social work examiners hereinafter provided in this chapter.

(2) "Social work" is defined as the professional activity of helping individuals, groups, families and communities enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and creating societal conditions favorable to this goal. Social work practice consists of the professional application of social work values, principles, and techniques. The practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior of social, economic and cultural institutions and of the interaction of all these factors.

(3) "Clinical social worker" means an individual who has a master's degree or doctorate in social work and two (2) years of postgraduate supervised clinical experience approved by the board and who is licensed under this chapter and may be designated as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW).

(4) "Masters social worker" means an individual who has a doctorate or master's degree in social work from a college or university approved by the board and is licensed under this chapter and may be designated as a licensed masters social worker (LMSW).

(5) "Social worker" means an individual who has a baccalaureate degree in social work ~~or related fields~~ from a college or university approved by the board and is licensed under this chapter and may be designated as a licensed social worker (LSW).

SECTION 2. That Section 54-3209, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3209. FEES – LICENSING – DURATION OF LICENSES. Each person submitting an application for licensure to practice social work shall pay an application fee, as determined by the rules of the board, which shall not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$~~75.0~~150) and which shall include the original license fee. Each person licensed to practice social work shall pay a license renewal fee, not to exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$~~75.0~~150) as determined by the rules of the board. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to annual renewal and shall expire unless renewed in the manner

- 1 prescribed by the board regarding applications for renewal, continuing education, and fees.
- 2 Renewal shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 67-2614, Idaho Code.