

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 355

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORK LICENSING ACT; AMENDING SECTION 54-3204, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO GRANT THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS THE POWER TO ES-
4 TABLISH BY RULE THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF COMMUNICA-
5 TION TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK.

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

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-3204, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-3204. BOARD -- POWERS AND DUTIES. The board shall have the follow-
10 ing powers and duties:

11 (1) Adopt and amend rules to administer and carry out the provisions
12 of this chapter and for the conduct of its affairs, provided that such rules
13 shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of chapters 26 and 52,
14 title 67, Idaho Code;

15 (2) Maintain a list of the names and addresses of all persons licensed
16 under this chapter;

17 (3) At its discretion, contract with the bureau of occupational li-
18 censes for those services deemed necessary for the proper administration of
19 this chapter;

20 (4) To prescribe by rule the minimum amount and kind of continuing edu-
21 cation to be required of each social worker seeking to renew a license in the
22 state of Idaho;

23 (5) To establish by rule an inactive license status;

24 (6) To take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of
25 this chapter and to regulate the practice of social work;

26 (7) To review the practice of a social worker licensed pursuant to this
27 chapter who is the subject of a complaint regarding a potential violation
28 of the provisions of this chapter. This review may include client records,
29 notes of the license holder and other materials related to the practice. The
30 review will remain subject to nondisclosure according to the provisions of
31 chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code, unless the written consent of the client is
32 received by the board;

33 (8) To establish by rule the standards and requirements for the use of
34 communication technology in the practice of social work, including supervi-
35 sion.