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Senate Bill 657 (as introduced 6-16-99)
Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Sugars
Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the registration and regulation of social workers, and specify application and license fees (which would be the same as current fees). The bill also would repeal Article 16 of the Occupational Code, which currently provides for the registration and regulation of social workers, and provisions in the State License Fee Act that provide for an application fee and an annual registration fee (MCL 338.2245).

The bill also would create the Michigan Board of Social Work in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services and require the Board to register social workers. The Board would consist of four certified social workers, two social workers, and three public members. Current members of the Board of Examiners of Social Workers would serve as the initial members of the new Board until their successors were appointed or until their respective terms expired, whichever occurred first. The bill specifies that the terms of office of members of social work boards and task forces would expire on December 31, four years after appointment, except for persons appointed to fill vacancies.

The mandatory academic training for social workers would have to be obtained from an accredited training program, college, or university that was approved by the Board.

A person registered under current provisions of the Occupational Code on the bill's effective date would remain registered until the registration expired; then he or she could renew the registration under the provisions of the Public Health Code.

Rules promulgated by the current board and in effect on the bill's effective date would continue in effect to the extent that they did not conflict with the Code, and would have to continue to be enforced. The rules could be amended or rescinded by the Director of the Department.

MCL 333.16131 et al.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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