

Occupations; social workers; licensure and regulation under public health code; provide for.

OCCUPATIONS: Social workers; HEALTH: Occupations; OCCUPATIONS: Health care professions; STATE AGENCIES (EXISTING): Community health

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 16131 and 16263 (MCL 333.16131 and 333.16263), as amended by 1995 PA 126, and by adding section 16348 and part 185; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 16131. The terms of office of individual members of  
2 the boards and task forces, except those appointed to fill vacan-  
3 cies, ~~shall~~ expire 4 years after appointment as follows:

4       Nursing	June 30
5       Optometry	June 30
6       Pharmacy	June 30
7       Podiatric medicine and surgery	June 30
8       Dentistry	June 30

1	Chiropractic	December 31
2	Counseling	June 30
3	Marriage and family therapy	June 30
4	Medicine	December 31
5	Occupational therapists	December 31
6	Osteopathic medicine and surgery	December 31
7	Physical therapy	December 31
8	Psychology	December 31
9	<del>Sanitariums</del>	<del>December 31</del>
10	SOCIAL WORK	DECEMBER 31
11	Veterinary medicine	December 31

12       Sec. 16263. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the  
13 following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof,  
14 with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in  
15 use only to those persons authorized under this article to use  
16 the terms and in a way prescribed in this article:

17       (a) "Chiropractic", "doctor of chiropractic",  
18 "chiropractor", "d.c.", and "chiropractic physician".

19       (b) "Dentist", "doctor of dental surgery", "oral and maxil-  
20 lofacial surgeon", "orthodontist", "prosthodontist",  
21 "periodontist", "endodontist", "oral pathologist", "pediatric  
22 dentist", "dental hygienist", "registered dental hygienist",  
23 "dental assistant", "registered dental assistant", "R.D.A.",  
24 "d.d.s.", "d.m.d.", and "r.d.h.".

25       (c) "Doctor of medicine" and "m.d.".

26       (d) "Physician's assistant" and "p.a.".

1 (e) "Registered professional nurse", "registered nurse",  
 2 "r.n.", "licensed practical nurse", "l.p.n.", "nurse midwife",  
 3 "nurse anesthetist", "nurse practitioner", "trained attendant",  
 4 and "t.a.".

5 (f) "Doctor of optometry", "optometrist", and "o.d.".

6 (g) "Osteopath", "osteopathy", "osteopathic practitioner",  
 7 "doctor of osteopathy", "diplomate in osteopathy", and "d.o.".

8 (h) "Pharmacy", "pharmacist", "apothecary", "drugstore",  
 9 "druggist", "medicine store", "prescriptions", and "r.ph.".

10 (i) "Physical therapy", "physical therapist",  
 11 "physiotherapist", "registered physical therapist", "licensed  
 12 physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "p.t.",  
 13 "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", and "p.t.t.".

14 (j) "Chiropodist", "chiropody", "chiropodical", "podiatry",  
 15 "podiatrist", "podiatric", "doctor of podiatric medicine", "foot  
 16 specialist", "podiatric physician and surgeon", and "d.p.m.".

17 (k) "Consulting psychologist", "psychologist",  
 18 "psychological assistant", and "psychological examiner",  
 19 "licensed psychologist", and "limited licensed psychologist".

20 (l) "Licensed professional counselor", "licensed counselor",  
 21 "professional counselor", and "l.p.c.".

22 (m) "Sanitarian", "registered sanitarian", and "r.s.".

23 (N) "SOCIAL WORKER", "CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER", "SOCIAL WORK  
 24 TECHNICIAN", "S.W.", "C.S.W.", AND "S.W.T.".

25 (O) ~~(n)~~ "Veterinary", "veterinarian", "veterinary doctor",  
 26 "veterinary surgeon", "doctor of veterinary medicine", "v.m.d.",  
 27 "d.v.m.", "animal technician", or "animal technologist".

1 (P) ~~(o)~~ "Occupational therapist", "occupational therapist  
 2 registered", "certified occupational therapist", "o.t.",  
 3 "o.t.r.", "c.o.t.", "certified occupational therapy assistant",  
 4 "occupational therapy assistant", or "c.o.t.a.".

5 (Q) ~~(p)~~ "Marriage advisor" or "marriage consultant";  
 6 "family counselor", "family advisor", "family therapist", or  
 7 "family consultant"; "family guidance counselor", "family guid-  
 8 ance advisor", or "family guidance consultant"; "marriage guid-  
 9 ance counselor", "marriage guidance advisor", or "marriage guid-  
 10 ance consultant"; "family relations counselor"; "marriage rela-  
 11 tions counselor", "marriage relations advisor", or "marriage  
 12 relations consultant"; "marital counselor" or "marital  
 13 therapist"; "limited licensed marriage and family therapist" or  
 14 "limited licensed marriage counselor"; "licensed marriage and  
 15 family therapist" or "licensed marriage counselor"; and  
 16 "l.m.f.t.".

17 (2) Notwithstanding section 16261, a person who was spe-  
 18 cially trained at an institution of higher education in this  
 19 state to assist a physician in the field of orthopedics and upon  
 20 completion of training, received a 2-year associate of science  
 21 degree as an orthopedic physician's assistant before January 1,  
 22 1977, may use the title "orthopedic physician's assistant"  
 23 whether or not the person is licensed under this article.

24 SEC. 16348. FEES FOR A PERSON REGISTERED OR SEEKING REGIS-  
 25 TRATION AS A REGISTERED BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER, A REGISTERED  
 26 MASTER'S SOCIAL WORKER, OR A REGISTERED SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN  
 27 UNDER PART 185 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1	(A) APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE..... \$	15.00
2	(B) REGISTRATION FEE, PER YEAR:	
3	(i) SOCIAL WORKER.....	15.00
4	(ii) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER.....	15.00
5	(iii) SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN.....	15.00
6	PART 185. SOCIAL WORK	
7	SEC. 18501. (1) AS USED IN THIS PART:	
8	(A) "SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED	
9	UNDER THIS ARTICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18507 AND AUTHO-	
10	RIZED UNDER THIS PART TO USE THE TITLE "SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN"	
11	OR THE ABBREVIATION "S.W.T.".	
12	(B) "SOCIAL WORKER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED UNDER	
13	THIS ARTICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18509 AND AUTHORIZED	
14	UNDER THIS PART TO USE THE TITLE "SOCIAL WORKER" OR THE ABBREVIA-	
15	TION "S.W.".	
16	(C) "CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED	
17	UNDER THIS ARTICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18511 AND AUTHO-	
18	RIZED UNDER THIS PART TO USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER"	
19	OR THE ABBREVIATION "C.S.W.".	
20	(D) "SOCIAL WORK" MEANS THE PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION OF	
21	SOCIAL WORK VALUES, PRINCIPLES, AND TECHNIQUES TO COUNSELING OR	
22	TO HELPING AN INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, GROUP, OR COMMUNITY DO 1 OR	
23	MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:	
24	(i) ENHANCE OR RESTORE THE CAPACITY FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONING.	
25	(ii) PROVIDE, OBTAIN, OR IMPROVE TANGIBLE SOCIAL AND HEALTH	
26	SERVICES.	

1       (2) IN ADDITION TO THE DEFINITIONS OF THIS PART, ARTICLE 1  
2 CONTAINS GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION  
3 APPLICABLE TO ALL ARTICLES IN THIS CODE AND PART 161 CONTAINS  
4 DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS PART.

5       SEC. 18503. AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT REPRESENT THAT HE OR  
6 SHE IS A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR SOCIAL WORK  
7 TECHNICIAN OR USE A TITLE INCLUDING "CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER",  
8 "SOCIAL WORKER", "SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN", OR AN ABBREVIATION OF  
9 THOSE TERMS OR THE LETTERS "C.S.W.", "S.W.", OR "S.W.T." OR SIM-  
10 ILAR WORDS WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE OR SHE IS REGISTERED  
11 UNDER THIS ARTICLE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS REGISTERED IN THAT  
12 CAPACITY UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

13       SEC. 18505. SUBJECT TO SECTION 18515(2), THE MICHIGAN BOARD  
14 OF SOCIAL WORK IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT AND CONSISTS OF THE  
15 FOLLOWING 9 VOTING MEMBERS WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART  
16 161:

17       (A) FOUR CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS AND 2 SOCIAL WORKERS WHO  
18 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 16135(2).

19       (B) THREE PUBLIC MEMBERS.

20       SEC. 18507. THE BOARD MAY GRANT REGISTRATION UNDER THIS  
21 ARTICLE AS A SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS  
22 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

23       (A) HAS HAD 1 YEAR OF SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE ACCEPTABLE TO  
24 THE BOARD, OR HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 2 YEARS OF COLLEGE.

25       (B) IS EMPLOYED IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK. THIS SUBDI-  
26 VISION IS WAIVED IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS THE EQUIVALENT OF 2,000  
27 HOURS OF SERVICE IN SOCIAL WORK WITH AN AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE

1 BOARD OR HAS RECEIVED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AT A  
2 COLLEGE APPROVED BY THE BOARD THAT INCLUDES SUPERVISED INSTRUCC-  
3 TIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE.

4 SEC. 18509. THE BOARD MAY GRANT A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS  
5 ARTICLE AS A SOCIAL WORKER TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE  
6 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

7 (A) HAS OBTAINED A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE FROM A COLLEGE OR  
8 UNIVERSITY APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

9 (B) HAS 2 OR MORE YEARS OF SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE ACCEPTABLE  
10 TO THE BOARD OR IS ENROLLED IN A GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
11 APPROVED BY THE BOARD, OR HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDI-  
12 TED SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK APPROVED BY THE BOARD OR HAS THE EQUIV-  
13 ALENT OF 4,000 HOURS OF SERVICE IN SOCIAL WORK WITH AN AGENCY  
14 RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD.

15 (C) IS EMPLOYED IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK OR IS  
16 ENROLLED IN A GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK APPROVED BY THE  
17 BOARD. THIS SUBDIVISION IS WAIVED IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED  
18 A BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL OF  
19 SOCIAL WORK APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

20 SEC. 18511. THE BOARD MAY GRANT A REGISTRATION AS A CERTI-  
21 FIED SOCIAL WORKER TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOW-  
22 ING REQUIREMENTS:

23 (A) POSSESSES A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL OF  
24 SOCIAL WORK APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

25 (B) HAS COMPLETED 2 OR MORE YEARS OF SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE  
26 ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

1        SEC. 18513. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED UNDER THIS PART AS  
2 A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR SOCIAL WORK  
3 TECHNICIAN OR AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
4 EMPLOYS THE CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR SOCIAL  
5 WORK TECHNICIAN IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE A COMMUNICATION OR A  
6 PORTION OF A COMMUNICATION MADE BY A CLIENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL OR  
7 ADVICE GIVEN IN THE COURSE OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT.

8        (2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A COMMUNI-  
9 CATION BETWEEN A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR  
10 SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN, OR AN ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH THE CERTI-  
11 FIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN HAS  
12 AN AGENCY RELATIONSHIP AND A CLIENT IS A PRIVILEGED  
13 COMMUNICATION. THIS PRIVILEGE IS NOT SUBJECT TO WAIVER AND THE  
14 COMMUNICATION SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED, EXCEPT UNDER 1 OR MORE OF  
15 THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

16        (A) THE DISCLOSURE IS PART OF A REQUIRED SUPERVISORY PROCESS  
17 WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION THAT EMPLOYS OR OTHERWISE HAS AN AGENCY  
18 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR  
19 SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN.

20        (B) THE PRIVILEGE IS WAIVED BY THE CLIENT OR A PERSON AUTHO-  
21 RIZED TO ACT IN THE CLIENT'S BEHALF.

22        (3) IF REQUESTED BY THE COURT FOR A COURT ACTION, A CERTI-  
23 FIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN  
24 SHALL SUBMIT TO AN APPROPRIATE COURT A WRITTEN EVALUATION OF THE  
25 PROSPECT OR PROGNOSIS OF A PARTICULAR CLIENT WITHOUT DISCLOSING A  
26 PRIVILEGED FACT OR A PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION. AN ATTORNEY  
27 REPRESENTING A CLIENT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF AN EVALUATION



1 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION HAS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE A COPY OF  
2 THE EVALUATION. IF REQUIRED FOR THE EXERCISE OF A PUBLIC PURPOSE  
3 BY A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL  
4 WORKER, SOCIAL WORK TECHNICIAN, OR AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE MAY MAKE  
5 AVAILABLE STATISTICAL AND PROGRAM INFORMATION WITHOUT VIOLATING  
6 THE PRIVILEGE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (2).

7 (4) A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER, OR SOCIAL WORK  
8 TECHNICIAN MAY DISCLOSE A COMMUNICATION OR A PORTION OF A COMMU-  
9 NICATION MADE BY A CLIENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 946 OF THE MENTAL  
10 HEALTH CODE, 1974 PA 258, MCL 339.1946, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH  
11 THE DUTY SET FORTH IN THAT SECTION.

12 SEC. 18515. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A REGISTRATION  
13 ISSUED UNDER FORMER ARTICLE 16 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980  
14 PA 299, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED  
15 THIS PART IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS PART UNTIL THAT REGISTRATION  
16 EXPIRES AND MAY RENEW HIS OR HER REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO  
17 PART 161.

18 (2) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SOCIAL WORKERS  
19 CREATED UNDER FORMER SECTION 1602 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980  
20 PA 299, SHALL SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN BOARD  
21 OF SOCIAL WORK UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED UNDER THIS  
22 ARTICLE OR UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMS, WHICH-  
23 EVER OCCURS FIRST. HOWEVER, IF THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD  
24 OF EXAMINERS OF SOCIAL WORKERS HAS NOT EXPIRED ON THE EFFECTIVE  
25 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS PART, THAT TERM  
26 EXPIRES ON JUNE 30 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE TERM WILL EXPIRE.

1       (3) RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SOCIAL  
2 WORKERS OR THE DIRECTOR UNDER FORMER ARTICLE 16 OF THE  
3 OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980 PA 299, AND IN EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE  
4 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS PART CONTINUE IN  
5 EFFECT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THIS ARTICLE  
6 AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED. THE RULES MAY BE AMENDED OR  
7 RESCINDED BY THE DIRECTOR.

8       Enacting section 1. (1) Article 16 of the occupational  
9 code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.1601 to 339.1610, is repealed.

10       (2) Section 2245 of the state license fee act, 1979 PA 152,  
11 MCL 338.2245, is repealed.