

HOUSE BILL 619

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE
SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH
ADVANCED DEGREES TO BE LICENSED WITHOUT WRITTEN EXAMINATION
REGARDLESS OF DATE OF APPLICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-31-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
Chapter 51, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-31-12. LICENSURE WITHOUT WRITTEN EXAMINATION--
LICENSURE WITH WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.--

A. An applicant for licensure under Section 61-31-9
NMSA 1978 may be licensed without written examination if the
applicant:

(1) meets all other requirements for licensure
as a baccalaureate social worker, independent social worker or

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1 master social worker and files [~~his~~] an application [~~within one~~
2 ~~year of the effective date of the Social Work Practice Act]~~
3 before July 1, 1990;

4 (2) has a bachelor's degree in a field other
5 than social work, has been employed for one year immediately
6 preceding [~~the effective date of the Social Work Practice Act]~~
7 July 1, 1989 in a private agency or public agency other than an
8 executive agency in a position as described in any of the areas
9 of specialization pursuant to Subsection B of Section 61-31-6
10 NMSA 1978 under the title of social worker or other title under
11 which [~~he~~] the applicant is deemed by the board to be
12 practicing social work and has filed [~~his~~] an application
13 [~~within one year of the effective date of the Social Work~~
14 ~~Practice Act; or]~~ before July 1, 1990;

15 (3) has a bachelor's degree or higher in a
16 field other than social work, has been employed in an executive
17 agency under the title of social worker or other title under
18 which [~~he~~] the applicant is deemed by the board to be
19 practicing social work and has filed [~~his~~] an application
20 [~~within three years of the effective date of the Social Work~~
21 ~~Practice Act]~~ before July 1, 1992; or

22 (4) has filed an application, has a master's
23 degree in social work, meets all other requirements for
24 licensure as a master social worker and has been employed for
25 at least three years in a private agency or public agency under

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1 the title of social worker or other title under which the
2 applicant is deemed by the board to have been practicing social
3 work.

4 B. An applicant for licensure under Section 61-31-9
5 NMSA 1978 who has a master's or doctoral degree in a closely
6 related field other than social work may be licensed as a
7 master social worker if ~~[he]~~ the applicant has been employed
8 for one year immediately preceding ~~[the effective date of the~~
9 ~~Social Work Practice Act]~~ July 1, 1989 in a private agency or
10 public agency other than an executive agency in a position as
11 described in any of the areas of specialization pursuant to
12 Subsection B of Section 61-31-6 NMSA 1978, under the title of
13 social worker or other title under which ~~[he]~~ the applicant is
14 deemed by the board to be practicing social work, has filed
15 ~~[his]~~ an application ~~[within one year of the effective date of~~
16 ~~that act]~~ before July 1, 1990 and passes a written examination
17 as prescribed by the board in accordance with Paragraph (3) of
18 Subsection B of Section 61-31-9 NMSA 1978."