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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ROHRER, ARMSTRONG, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI,  
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PALLONE, PHILLIPS, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, STERN, THOMAS AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 1, 2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 1, 2005

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), entitled "An  
2 act licensing and regulating the practice of social work;  
3 providing penalties; and making an appropriation," further  
4 providing for reciprocity.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 10 of the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220,  
8 No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family  
9 Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, amended December 21,  
10 1998 (P.L.1017, No.136), is amended to read:

11 Section 10. Reciprocity or endorsement.

12 [The board shall have the power to grant a reciprocal license  
13 to an applicant who is licensed or certified as a social worker,  
14 clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or  
15 professional counselor in another state and has demonstrated  
16 qualifications which equal or exceed those required pursuant to  
17 this act in the determination of the board, provided that no  
18 license shall be granted under this section to an applicant

1 unless the state in which the applicant is licensed affords  
2 reciprocal treatment to persons who are residents of this  
3 Commonwealth and who are licensed pursuant to this act.]  
4 Reciprocity or endorsement may be established at the discretion  
5 of the board. As used in this section, the term "reciprocity"  
6 means the act of the board and a licensing authority in another  
7 jurisdiction, each recognizing that the requirements for a  
8 license or certificate in this Commonwealth and in the other  
9 jurisdiction are equivalent, issuing a license or certificate to  
10 an applicant who possesses a similar license or certificate in  
11 the other jurisdiction. As used in this section, the term  
12 "endorsement" means the issuance of a license or certificate by  
13 the board to an applicant who does not meet standard  
14 requirements, if the applicant has achieved cumulative  
15 qualifications which are accepted by the board as being  
16 equivalent to the standard requirements for the license or  
17 certificate.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.