
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1580 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, M. WHITE, WAUGH, BROWNE, WOZNIAK AND
WONDERLING, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

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 unlawful practice.

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

7 Section 1. Section 20(a.1) of the act of July 9, 1987
8 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and
9 Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, is amended by
10 adding a paragraph to read:

11 Section 20. Unlawful practice.

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13 (a.1) Title.--It shall be unlawful for an individual to hold
14 oneself out as a social worker, use the title of "social worker"
15 or use the abbreviation of "S.W." without meeting the definition
16 of "social worker." This subsection includes advertising as a
17 social worker and adopting or using any title or description of
18 services incorporating the term "social worker" and their

1 related abbreviations, which implies directly or indirectly that
2 the individual is a social worker. This subsection shall not
3 apply to the following individuals:

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5 (3) An individual employed in a long-term care facility
6 licensed by the Department of Health who provides social work
7 services under administrative supervision.

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