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 SENATE BILL NO. 1011

Offered January 9, 2013 Prefiled January 8, 2013

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-3707.1, relating to licensed clinical social workers; educational requirements.

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Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-3707.1 as follows: § 54.1-3707.1. Educational requirements.

The Board may issue a license as a clinical social worker to an applicant who has (i) received a master's degree in social work with a clinical course of study from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, (ii) received a master's degree in social work with a non-clinical concentration from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and completed the educational requirements for a clinical course of study through a graduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or (iii) completed a program of education and training in social work at an educational institution outside the United States recognized by the Council on Social Work Education. For the purposes of this section, "clinical course of study" means graduate coursework that includes specialized advanced courses in human behavior and the social environment, social justice and policy, psychopathology, and diversity issues; research; clinical practice with individuals, families, and groups; and clinical practicum that focuses on diagnostic, prevention, and treatment services.