

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 16

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board of  
Examiners of Social Workers

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize licensure of persons graduating from social  
2 work programs that are in candidacy status.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 36-26 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 The board shall issue a license as a certified social worker or social worker to any applicant  
7 who:

- 8 (1) Meets the requirements for a certified social worker or social worker except whose  
9 baccalaureate or master of social work degree is from a program in candidacy status  
10 with the Council on Social Work Education; and  
11 (2) Has passed an examination prepared by the board for this purpose.

12 Any license granted under this section shall automatically expire if the social work  
13 baccalaureate or masters of social work program fails to maintain candidacy status or is denied  
14 accreditation. The social worker shall inform the board of any change in the social work  
15 program candidacy status.

