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**REQUEST FOR RULEMAKING (RFR)**

**1. Department:**

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

**2. Bureau:**

Bureau of Professional Licensing

**3. Promulgation type:**

Full Process

**4. Title of proposed rule set:**

Social Work – General Rules

**5. Rule numbers or rule set range of numbers:**

R 338.2921 – 338.2965

**6. Estimated time frame:**

12 months

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**7. Describe the general purpose of these rules, including any problems the changes are intended to address.**

The current social work general rules pertain to the licensure, relicensure, license renewal, and continuing education requirements for social workers and the registration, reregistration, and registration renewal for social service technicians.

The rules will be reviewed and amended as needed in light of the statutory change to MCL 333.16186, effective March 24, 2021. Additionally, all rules will be reviewed, updated, and revised as needed for clarity.

**8. Please cite the specific promulgation authority for the rules (i.e. department director, commission, board, etc.).**

The department in consultation with the board.

**A. Please list all applicable statutory references (MCLs, Executive Orders, etc.).**

MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.16287, MCL 333.18506, MCL 333.18509, MCL 333.18516, and MCL 333.18518 and Executive Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-01, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, and MCL 445.2030.

**B. Are the rules mandated by any applicable constitutional or statutory provision? If so, please explain.**

MCL 333.16148 requires the department to promulgate rules pertaining to training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking.

MCL 333.16287 requires the department, in consultation with the board, to promulgate rules to implement telehealth services.

MCL 333.18516 requires the department, in consultation with the board, to promulgate rules regarding the completion of continuing education for a licensee seeking renewal.

MCL 333.18518 requires the department to promulgate rules regarding the minimum training requirements for the practice of social work at the bachelor's and master's levels.

**9. Please describe the extent to which the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.**

The rules do not conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

**10. Is the subject matter of the rules currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda?**

The subject matter of the rules is not currently contained in any guidance, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda.

**11. Are the rules listed on the department's annual regulatory plan as rules to be processed for the current year?**

Yes.

**12. Will the proposed rules be promulgated under Section 44 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.244, or under the full rulemaking process?**

Full Process

**13. Please describe the extent to which the rules exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.**

The rules do not exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

**14. Do the rules incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules? If yes, please explain.**

The rules do not incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules.

**15. If amending an existing rule set, please provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed the regulatory activity covered by the rules since the last evaluation.**

The rules were last amended effective March 31, 2021. MCL 333.16186 was amended effective March 24, 2021 to include reciprocity for Canadian-licensed applicants. As a result, the current endorsement rules need to be reviewed and amended as needed.

**16. Are there any changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate there is no continued need for the rules, or any portion of the rules?**

There are no changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate that there is no continued need for the rules.

**17. Is there an applicable decision record (as defined in MCL 24.203(6) and required by MCL 24.239(2))? If so, please attach the decision record.**

Yes