

February 28, 2023

Minnesota School Social Workers Association
28 3rd Street NE, #231
Faribault, MN 55021

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: SF 1028 and Companion Bill HF 1175

Please accept this letter from the Minnesota Board of Social Work's Executive Committee. The duty of the Minnesota Board of Social Work is to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare through the licensure and regulation of social workers. SF 1028 and its companion bill HF 1175 are not within the scope of the Board of Social Work's duties.

The Board wants to clarify that the Social Work Practice Act applies to all applicants and licensees who use the title social worker and all persons who engage in the practice of social work as defined in [MN Statute 148E.010](#) in the state, regardless of the practitioner's or client's practice site, setting, or location, unless there is an applicable exemption. All social workers licensed by the Minnesota Board of Social Work must meet the license requirements for the appropriate licensure type of Licensed Social Worker (LSW), Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW), or Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), according to [MN Statute 148E.055](#). An applicant must provide satisfactory evidence for licensure to the board, including the following:

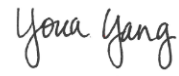
- Earned a baccalaureate or graduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or a similar accreditation body that the board designates;
- Passed the appropriate licensure examination or equivalent examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards or a similar examination body that the board designates;
- Submitted a completed signed application and paid applicable fees;
- Completed a criminal background check and paid the required fees;
- Has not engaged in conduct that may be a violation of the standards of practice;
- To be licensed by endorsement, holds an active license or credential in another jurisdiction.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 612.617.2110 or youa.yang@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Pa Der Vang in black ink.

Pa Der Vang, LICSW
Board Chair

Handwritten signature of Youa Yang in black ink.

Youa Yang, LICSW
Executive Director