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Overview

This act changes the temporary permit to practice social work to a temporary license and codifies provisions now found in Minnesota Rules relating to reinstatement of licenses, inactive status, and emeritus status of licensees and the social work license fee schedule. This act also extends the time permitted for the governor to enter into an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission until August 1, 2006.

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- 1** **Time to enter agreement extended.** Extends the time permitted for the governor to enter into an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for state regulation of nuclear non-power plant materials until August 1, 2006.
- 2** **Applicant defined.** Provides that an applicant for purposes of social work licensure includes an applicant for temporary licensure or reinstatement of an expired license.
- 3** **Temporary licensee.** Defines “temporary licensee”
- 4** **Fees established.** Eliminates the requirement that the board of social work establish its fees by rule.
- 5** **Temporary license provided.** Replaces the temporary permit under current law with a temporary license provision. The temporary license is available to a person who has met all criteria for licensure pending action of their application for permanent licensure or to an applicant licensed in another state. Under current law, temporary permits are also available to persons for whom English is a second language who have taken and failed to pass the licensure examination or to applicants whose degree is from a school that is awaiting accreditation. Adds requirement that applicants for temporary licensure submit form authorizing a criminal background check and pay a fee therefore. Eliminates requirement

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that application for temporary credentials be submitted within 15 days of completion of degree requirements.

- 6 Reinstatement of expired licenses.** Establishes a procedure for reinstatement of expired licenses. Creates hardship and non-hardship categories of reinstatements.
- 7 Alternative status license.** Permits inactive status for up to ten consecutive years upon application and board approval. Continuing education requirements must be met during inactive status. Establishes reactivation requirements, including supervision requirements for persons whose licenses have been on inactive status for five or more years.
- 8 Emeritus status.** Establishes an emeritus license status for persons retired from social work practice in Minnesota. Reactivation from emeritus status is covered by the same requirements as reactivation of an inactive license (see section 6).
- 9 Fees schedule established.** Codifies fee schedule now found in Minnesota Rules. Adds fees for reinstatements.
- 10 Eliminates reference.** Strikes references to temporary permits.
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- 13 Report due date extended.** Extends the due date for a report on a study of social work license examination failure rates by applicants born in foreign countries until September 1, 2004.
- 14 Revisor instruction.** Instructs the revisor to change references in Minnesota Rules to reflect the codification of the fee schedule in section 8.
- 15 Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Rules covering reinstatement of license, inactive status, emeritus status, and licensure fees.
- 16 Effective date.** Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.