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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes three types of alternate licenses for licensed social workers: temporary leave license, emeritus inactive license, and emeritus active license.

#### Section

**1** **Alternate licenses.** Amends § 148E.075.

**Subd. 1. Temporary leave license.** Paragraph (b) allows a licensee to hold a temporary leave license for no more than four consecutive years.

Paragraph (c) allows a licensee to reactivate their license within the four-year period, but if this is not done within 60 days following the end of the four-year period, the license expires.

Paragraph (d) prohibits a licensee with a temporary leave license from any form of social work practice except as provided in paragraph (e).

Paragraph (e) establishes the procedure for a licensee with a temporary leave license to provide emergency social work services.

Paragraph (f) requires a licensee with a temporary leave license to make this clear in any representation to the public regarding professional status.

**Subd. 1a. Emeritus inactive license.** Paragraph (a) lists the conditions under which a licensee may qualify for this form of alternate license.

Paragraph (b) allows a licensee with an emeritus inactive license to apply for reactivation within four years of the granting of this license. If not reactivated within that time, the individual may apply for a new license.

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Paragraph (c) prohibits a licensee with an emeritus inactive license from any form of social work practice except as provided in paragraph (d).

Paragraph (d) establishes the procedure for a licensee with an emeritus inactive license to provide emergency social work services.

Paragraph (e) requires a licensee with an emeritus inactive license to make this clear in any representation to the public regarding professional status.

**Subd. 1b. Emeritus active license.** Paragraph (a) lists the conditions under which a licensee may qualify for this form of alternate license.

Paragraph (b) lists the limitations on practice for an individual with an emeritus active license.

Paragraph (c) requires renewal of an emeritus active license.

Paragraphs (d) and (e) list the continuing education requirements for an individual with an emeritus active license.

Paragraph (f) provides that failure to renew the license will result in an expired license.

Paragraph (g) allows the board to grant a variance to the limitations on practice if the individual provides emergency social work services.

Paragraph (h) requires a licensee with an emeritus active license to make this clear in any representation to the public regarding professional status.

Paragraph (i) allows individuals with an emeritus active license to reactivate the license or apply for a new license.

**Subd. 2. Application.** Allows licensees to apply for an alternate license when currently licensed or as an alternative to renewing a license.

**Subd. 3. Fee.** Requires applicants for a temporary leave license or an emeritus inactive license to submit the established fee. Provides that an applicant for an emeritus active license is required to pay one-half of the renewal fee for the applicable license. Requires applicants to submit the fees with the application for the new license.

**Subds. 4 to 7** are stricken.

**Subd. 8. Disciplinary or other action.** Allows the board to resolve pending complaints against a licensee before approving the application for an alternate license. Allows the board to take disciplinary action against a licensee with an alternate license.

**2 Mailing notices to licensees on temporary leave.** Amends § 148E.080, subd. 1. Updates a cross reference due to the amendments to § 148E.075.

**3 Reactivation from a temporary leave or emeritus status.** Amends § 148E.080, subd. 2. Updates cross references due to the amendments to § 148E.075.

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- 4**        **License fees.** Amends § 148E.180, subd. 2. Establishes an emeritus inactive license fee and an emeritus active license fee.
- 5**        **Late fees.** Amends § 148E.180, subd. 5. Establishes a license late fee.
- 6**        **Repealer.** Repeals § 148E.060, subd. 12 (ineligibility for a temporary license).