

CHAPTER 80

HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 25

AN ACT concerning social workers; social worker safety awareness training; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-6313 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-6313 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6313. (a) All licenses issued shall be effective upon the date issued and shall expire at the end of 24 months from the date of issuance.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 65-6311 and amendments thereto, a license may be renewed by the payment of the renewal fee set forth in K.S.A. 65-6314 and amendments thereto and the execution and submission of a signed statement, on a form to be provided by the board, attesting that the applicant's license has been neither revoked nor currently suspended and that applicant has met the requirements for continuing education established by the board including not less than three continuing education hours of professional ethics.

(2) An applicant for renewal of a license as a master social worker or a specialist clinical social worker, as part of such continuing education, shall complete not less than six continuing education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. *On and after January 1, 2011, an applicant for first time licensure renewal as a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or specialist clinical social worker, as part of such continuing education, shall complete not less than six hours of social worker safety awareness training. If the applicant for first time licensure renewal has already taken such training, as part of a previous level of social work licensure renewal, then the applicant is not required to complete an additional six hours of social worker safety training.*

(c) The application for renewal shall be made on or before the date of the expiration of the license or on or before the date of the termination of the period of suspension.

(d) If the application for renewal, including payment of the required renewal fee, is not made on or before the date of the expiration of the license, the license is void, and no license shall be reinstated except upon payment of the required renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-6314 and amendments thereto, plus a penalty equal to the renewal fee, and proof satisfactory to the board of the completion of 40 hours of continuing education within two years prior to application for reinstatement. Upon receipt of such payment and proof, the board shall reinstate the license. A license shall be reinstated under this subsection, upon receipt of such payment and proof, at any time after the expiration of such license.

(e) In case of a lost or destroyed license, and upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction thereof, the board may issue a duplicate license and shall charge a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 65-6314 and amendments thereto for such duplicate license.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-6313 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved April 8, 2010.
