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**Senate Bill No. 559**

(By Senators M. Hall and Ferns )

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referred to the Committee on  
Government Organization.]

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A BILL to amend and reenact §30-30-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exemptions from the social work licensing requirements of this article.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §30-30-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 **ARTICLE 30. SOCIAL WORKERS.**

2 **§30-30-18. Exemptions from this article.**

3 The following persons are exempt from licensure, unless specifically stated in writing by the  
4 employer:

5 (1) A person employed as the director or administrative head of a social service agency or  
6 division, or applicants for such employment ~~to be licensed~~;

7 (2) Licensed or qualified members of other professions, such as physicians, psychologists,  
8 lawyers, counselors, clergy, educators or ~~the general public~~ other professions engaged in social work-

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1 like activities from doing social work consistent with their training if they do not hold themselves  
2 out to the public by a title or description incorporating the words "licensed social worker" or  
3 "licensed clinical social worker" or a variation thereof;

4 (3) Employees of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources engaged  
5 in social work-like activities from doing social work consistent with their training: *Provided*, That  
6 prior to engaging in these activities, employees demonstrate sufficient standards of qualification,  
7 education, training and experience by completing a rigorous training program designed by the  
8 Department of Health and Human Resources to ensure the protection of the health, welfare and  
9 safety of the public;

10 ~~(3)~~ (4) An employer from performing social work-like activities performed solely for the  
11 benefit of employees;

12 ~~(4)~~ (5) Activities and services of a student, intern or resident in social work pursuing a course  
13 of study at an accredited university or college or working in a generally recognized training center  
14 if the activities and services constitute a part of the supervised course of study; and

15 ~~(5)~~ (6) Pending disposition of the application for a license, activities and services by a person  
16 who has recently become a resident of this state, has applied for a license within ninety days of  
17 taking up residency in this state, and is licensed to perform the activities and services in the state of  
18 former residence.