OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7198

AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKERS.

SUMMARY

This bill generally prohibits anyone from using the title “social worker,” or any associated initials, or advertising services as a social worker unless he or she (1) has a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) or (2) if educated outside of the U.S. or its territories, completed an education program CSWE deems equivalent.

Existing law already prohibits anyone who is unlicensed from using the title of licensed master or clinical social worker or advertising services as such.

Due to an existing law, the bill does not prevent any person employed by the state prior to October 1, 1996, with a title in the social work series of the classified service from using such a title to describe or perform his or her duties (CGS § 20-195r).

The bill also makes technical changes, including deleting obsolete provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 7292, favorably reported by the Labor Committee, prohibits anyone from using the title “social worker” or advertising clinical social work services unless he or she has a bachelor’s or master’s social work degree from a CSWE-accredited program or a doctorate social work degree.
COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 21  Nay 0  (03/22/2019)