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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION**

**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

CHAPTER 110

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40‑1‑70 and 40‑63‑70

110‑1. Continuing Education Requirements.

**Synopsis:**

 The Board of Social Work Examiners proposes to amend continuing education requirements for licensees of the Board to conform to Act 158 of the 2024 legislative session.

 The Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on June 28, 2024.

**Instructions:**

 Print the regulation as shown below. All other items remain unchanged.

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**Text:**

ARTICLE 1

Continuing Education

110‑1. Continuing Education Requirements.

 A. The Board recognizes that social work is a practice of a profession which must conform to the public’s expectation of professional competency. It further recognizes that structured programs of continuing education will provide licensees with opportunities for maintaining and improving competency as well as the satisfaction of new professional development.

 B. As a pre‑requisite for biennial renewal of the practitioner’s license, the licensee must complete a minimum of 40 contact hours of accepted professional continuing education per renewal period. ~~This requirement becomes effective during the one‑year period following the January 1, 1990, license renewal date, and during each year thereafter.~~ One of these hours must be in suicide assessment, treatment and management treatment.

 C. The general guidelines for completing forty (40) contact hours of instruction are:

 (1) Accepted instruction will be those courses, conferences, seminars, etc., as approved by the Board pursuant to subsection D below.

 (2) Only student class hours or the equivalent will be counted as credit.

 (3) As a lecturer or discussion leader for materials directly related to the profession of social work, you may receive two hours per hour of presentation time to account for presentation and development of materials. Licensees may not receive credit for teaching the same course more than once per renewal period.

 (4) Except in unusual circumstances, credits will not be given for repeating an instructional course.

 D. Approval for continuing education credit:

 (1) Approval for continuing education credit shall be provided by persons designated by the Board upon guidelines and standards established by the Board pursuant to these Regulations.

 (2) Application for continuing education credit approval shall be in the manner and form designated by the Board.

 (3) Application for approval shall be processed at times, and in the manner, designated by the Board up to the date of submission of the continuing education report. The risk of disapproval shall be borne by the sponsor or applicant for continuing education credit.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

 There will be no cost incurred by the State or any of its political subdivisions.

**Statement of Rationale:**

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