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HOUSE BILL NO. 2194

Introduced by **REP. SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to lower the age requirement for Professional Social Workers from twenty-one to eighteen.

Republic Act 1373 regulates the practice of social work and the operation of social work agencies and this legislation was enacted on June 19, 1965, at that time the age of majority was twenty-one years of age.

Our graduates today are much younger because of the removal of grade seven at the elementary level. Furthermore, the age of majority is eighteen years old.

With the pegging of the entry level for social workers at twenty-one years of age, young graduates are unintentionally deprived of a profession and become productive members of society.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SEC. 12 (b) OF REPUBLIC ACT 4373, ENTITLED "AN ACT
REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE OPERATION OF
SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 12 (b) of Republic Act 4373 is hereby amended do read as follows:

"Section 12 (b) He or she is at least eighteen years of age"

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. All laws or parts of any law inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. If any provision of this act is held invalid, the other provision not affected thereby shall continue in operation.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,