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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TITLE PROTECTION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND TO
AUTHORIZE ANY GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE WHOSE POSITION IS DERIVED
FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PERSONNEL SOCIAL WORK SERIES TO USE THE
TITLE 'SOCIAL WORKER.'

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90B-3(8) reads as rewritten:

"The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

...

(8) Social Worker. – A person ~~engaging in the practice of social work who is not certified or licensed under this Chapter as a Certified Social Worker, Certified Master Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or Certified Social Work Manager.~~ certified, licensed, or provisionally licensed by this Chapter or otherwise exempt under G.S. 90B-10."

SECTION 2. G.S. 90B-10 is amended by adding the following new subsection to read:

"(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of G.S. 90B-16, any individual who is employed by an agency of a local or State governmental entity, and who is in a position holding the title of 'Social Worker' or any variation of the name, and whose position title is derived from the Office of State Personnel Social Work Series may use the title 'Social Worker' or any variation of the title."

SECTION 3. Chapter 90B of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 90B-16. Title protection.

(a) Except as provided in G.S. 90B-10, an individual who (i) is not certified, licensed, or provisionally licensed by this Chapter as a social worker, (ii) does not hold a bachelor's or master's degree in social work from a college or university having a social work program accredited or admitted to candidacy for accreditation by the Council of Social Work Education, or (iii) has not received a doctorate in social work, shall not use the title 'Social Worker' or any variation of the title.

(b) The Board is authorized to enforce title protection pursuant to this section in accordance with G.S. 90B-13.

(c) The Board shall adopt rules to implement this section."

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

