

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
TITLE 19. SOCIAL WORKERS**

SUBTITLE 4. PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES

§ 19-401. Practicing without license

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice social work in this State while representing oneself to be a social worker unless licensed by the Board.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice clinical social work in this State unless licensed by the Board as a certified social worker-clinical.

§ 19-402. Misrepresentation

Unless authorized to practice social work under this title, a person may not:

(1) Represent to the public that the person is a licensed social worker; or

(2) Use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the person is a licensed social worker, including the use of the words “social worker” or “social work” and the use of the abbreviations “LBSW”, “LGSW”, “LCSW”, or “LCSW-C”.

§19-402. ** TAKES EFFECT JULY 1, 2018 PER CHAPTERS 548 AND 549 OF 2017**

Unless authorized to practice social work under this title, a person may not:

(1) Represent to the public that the person is a licensed social worker; or

(2) Use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the person is a licensed social worker, including the use of the words “social worker” or “social work” and the use of the abbreviations “LBSW”, “LGSW”, “LMSW”, “LCSW”, or “LCSW-C”.

§ 19-403. Using license of another individual; impersonating licensed social worker

A person may not intentionally:

(1) Use or attempt to use the license of another person who is a licensed social worker; or

(2) Impersonate another person who is a licensed social worker.

§ 19-404. Giving false information to Board

In an attempt to obtain a license, a person may not intentionally give false information to the Board.

§§ 19-405, 19-406.

Reserved.

§ 19-407. Penalties

IN EFFECT

A person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.

§19-407. ** TAKES EFFECT JULY 1, 2018 PER CHAPTERS 548 AND 549 OF 2017**

(a) A person who violates any provision of this subtitle or § 19-301 of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or both.

(b) A person who violates any provision of this subtitle or § 19-301 of this title is subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$50,000 to be assessed by the Board in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

(c) Each violation of this subtitle is a separate offense.