STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

July 22, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "Social Worker Initiative for Faster Testing (SWIFT) act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Social Worker Initiative for Faster Testing (SWIFT) act".

§ 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 7704 of the education law, as added by chapter 420 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an applicant pursuing a master's of social work degree who is enrolled in the final semester of a program registered by the department or an educational program accredited or in candidacy for accreditation by the council on social work education shall be eligible to take the master's level examination; provided, however, that passage of such examination shall not authorize the applicant to practice social work or entitle the applicant to licensure until all other requirements for licensure under this article, including graduation from such program, have been fulfilled**;

§ 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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