STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. BERGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "licensure incentives and fee-support for testing (LIFT) 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 "licensure incentives and fee-support for testing (LIFT) act".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 7711 to read as follows:

§ 7711. Social work licensure examination voucher program. 1. The department shall establish a program to provide vouchers to eligible low-income individuals to cover the cost of the examination required for licensure as a licensed master social worker or licensed clinical social worker.

2. To be eligible for a voucher under this section, an applicant shall: (a) be a resident of the state; (b) be eligible to sit for the licensed master social worker or licensed clinical social worker examination; and (c) demonstrate income at or below a threshold established by the department by rule or regulation, based on net taxable income, as determined pursuant to section six hundred sixty-three of this chapter. Provided, however, that for applicants who would be considered emancipated pursuant to subdivision three of section six hundred sixty-three of this chapter, eligibility shall be determined without regard to parental income.

3. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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