

Hello,

My name is Deborah Randall and I am currently a LLMSW in the State of Michigan.

I have been working as a Social Worker in the nursing home industry since completion of my BSW in 1998 from Eastern Michigan University. I returned to Eastern Michigan University in 2014 to further my education and completed the Master Degree in Social Work with graduation in 2017. I have also completed the requirements of 4000 hours of post graduate work being signed off and submitted to the State of Michigan, Lansing. This is to be able to move forward with the licensure program/testing. The obstacle that I face is passing the MSW Clinical Licensure Test. I have invested in multiple study guides and online programs to attempt to pass the licensure test to which after 8 attempts I am still not able to pass the (MSW)Clinical Licensure Test. The barriers to the licensure test such as being forced to resign from the field of Social Work due to not being able to pass the licensure examination when the LLMSW expires, the examination not proving competency to seasoned social workers, and the examination being racially biased and flawed through the ASWB research completed between 2011 and 2021. I have remained a Social Worker serving the geriatric and now younger populations in a nursing facility for 24 years. With next year being my 25th year in Social Work I fear that when my LLMSW expires this will be the end of a great career for me due to the barrier of the licensure examination. I currently support the House Bills 5184 and 5185 Social Work Licensure Moderation Act proposed October 19, 2023 to remove the licensure examination. With the House Bills 5184 and 5185 passed, this will help me to enter my 25th year as a social worker and continue to help others with a rewarded feeling that I made a difference in the individuals lives that I was able to serve.

Thank You

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