

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5175, August 04, 1967]

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE OPERATION OF SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Subparagraph (a) of Section one of Republic Act Numbered Forty-three hundred seventy-three is hereby amended to read as follows: "Section 1. As used in this Act:

"(a) Social work is the profession which is primarily concerned with organized social service activity aimed to facilitate and strengthen basic social relationships and the mutual adjustment between individuals and their social environment for the good of the individual and of society by the use of social work methods."

SEC. 2. Subparagraph (c) of Section two of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) Possess a Master's Degree in Social Work (M.S.S.W., M.S.S., M.A.S.W., or its equivalent) conferred by a reputable school, college or university duly recognized by the government, and also by a duly accredited school, college or university abroad."

SEC. 3. Section ten of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 10. *Practice of social work and, appointment as social workers.*— Unless exempt from registration, no person shall practice or offer to practice social work in the Philippines as defined in this Act, or be appointed as a social worker or to any position calling for social worker in any social worker agency whether private or government without holding a valid certificate of registration as a social worker issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers: *Provided*, That registration shall not be required of recognized social workers or authorities on social work who are residents and/or citizens of other countries called in for consultations