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The Committee on Health Care (Fasano) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 6, between lines 6 and 7,

insert:

Section 6. Effective July 1, 2005, section 491.016, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

491.016 Professional social work identification.--

(1) It shall be a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person, for or without compensation, to hold himself or herself out to the public as a social worker either directly or through a governmental or private organization, entity, or agency unless that person:

(a) Possesses at least a bachelor's degree in social work from a social work program accredited by, or from an institution that is an active candidate for accreditation as a social work program by, the Council on Social Work Education; or

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1 (b) Completes, at a university or college outside the
 2 United States or Canada, a social work program determined by
 3 the Foreign Equivalency Determination Service of the Council
 4 on Social Work Education to be equivalent to a bachelor's or
 5 master's degree in social work.

6 (2) This section does not apply to a person who, prior
 7 to July 1, 2005, used the title "social worker" in his or her
 8 employment as long as the person continuously works for the
 9 same employer and works in the same capacity for that employer
 10 as before July 1, 2005.

11 (3) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.
 12 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and enforce this section.

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 14 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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18 And the title is amended as follows:

19 On page 1, line 22, following the semicolon,
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 21 insert:
 22 creating s. 491.016, F.S.; providing
 23 requirements for using the title "social
 24 worker"; providing a penalty; providing a
 25 grandfather clause; requiring the Department of
 26 Health to adopt certain implementing and
 27 enforcing rules;

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