## **HOUSE BILL 1070**

D1 HB 1177/22 – JUD

By: Delegates McComas, T. Morgan, Rosenberg, Taveras, and Woods

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Judiciary

## A BILL ENTITLED

Courts - Expert Witnesses - Licensed Certified Social Workers-Clinical

1	AN ACT concerning	

3 FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law authorizing a licensed psychologist to testify

as an expert witness on certain issues in a court or administrative hearing to include

a licensed certified social worker-clinical; and generally relating to licensed certified

social workers-clinical and expert witnesses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 9–120

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

15 9–120.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a psychologist licensed under the

17 "Maryland Psychologists Act" and qualified as an expert witness OR A LICENSED

18 CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL LICENSED UNDER THE "MARYLAND SOCIAL

19 WORKERS PRACTICE ACT" AND QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS may testify on

20 ultimate issues, including insanity, competency to stand trial, and matters within the scope

21 of that psychologist's OR LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL'S special

22 knowledge, in any case in any court or in any administrative hearing.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

24 October 1, 2023.

