



CHAPTER 90B
ARTICLE 1 - SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ACT

N.C.G.S. § 90B-16.

Title protection.

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- § 90B-16(a)

Except as provided in G.S. 90B-10, an individual who (i) is not certified, licensed, or associate licensed by this Chapter as a social worker, (ii) does not hold a bachelor's or master's degree in social work from a college or university having a social work program accredited or admitted to candidacy for accreditation by the Council of Social Work Education, or (iii) has not received a doctorate in social work shall not use the title "Social Worker" or any variation of the title.
- § 90B-16(b)

The Board is authorized to enforce title protection pursuant to this section in accordance with G.S. 90B-13.
- § 90B-16(c)

The Board shall adopt rules to implement this section. (2009-88, s. 3; 2012-72, s. 4; 2025-7, s. 1(a).)

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2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 90B-10	(a)	"Except as provided in"
G.S. 90B-13	(b)	"to this section in accordance with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90B-16 (2026).

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