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### **Memorandum in Support**

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#### **S.8632 (Stavisky)/A.10741(Glick)**

#### *AN ACT in relation to permitting the Education Department to renew limited and provisional permits for an additional twelve months*

The New York State Society for Clinical Social Work strongly supports this legislation which would allow the New York State Education Department to provide additional time to qualified individuals who submit the permit application and fee, as required for the profession. This bill would allow the Department to grant an additional limited permit in the two licensed social work professions (LCSW and LMSW} which either have a 1 year limit or extensive experience requirements:

The New York State Society for Clinical Social Work, founded in 1968, represents the views of clinical social workers in the public and private sector throughout New York State. We provide the majority of mental health services (about 60 percent) in the United States and practice in virtually every setting in the health care delivery system, including: medical and psychiatric hospitals, mental health clinics, AIDs treatment facilities, managed care organizations, trauma centers, research settings, schools and the criminal justice system.

As the organization representing the one of the largest number of clinicians in New York State, we provide the majority of the mental health services including assessment and evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of the full spectrum of mental and emotional disorders, ranging from anxiety and phobias to schizophrenia and manic-depression, as well as family conflicts and work-related problems.

As one of the core mental health professions providing services within an integrated health care delivery system, inclusion of an extension of social work permits in this time of COVID-19 would ensure the preparedness of state's workforce.

**The NYS Society of Clinical Social Work, Inc. strongly urges passage of SB.8632/ AB10741.**

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