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I recently took the State of Maine LSW exam in October 2023. After several months of studying, unfortunately, I didn't pass the exam. I took the practice test offered by ASWB and did better on the practice than the actual exam. I have been working in this field for 15 years and feel I have the knowledge, education and experience in this field. I will have to re-take the exam in the upcoming months, in hopes I pass. These exams are very expensive and is a financial burden for many. I strongly believe if other States don't have this requirement that we can also follow this in Maine. I do agree we should take continued education in Social Work but eliminate the LSW exam at this level.

Continued education will allow for us to be informed of ethics, any changes within in our State, so that we can provide families and individuals support and best practice. Please consider this proposal for LSW not to be required to take an exam to work in this field.