

HOUSE BILL No. 2484

By Representative S. Ruiz

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1 AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences; relating to social work;
2 enacting the social work licensure compact to provide interstate
3 practice privileges; authorizing the behavioral sciences regulatory
4 board to establish a fee for a license with compact practice privileges;
5 amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-6314 and repealing the existing
6 section.
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 New Section 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the
10 social work licensure compact.
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SECTION 1—PURPOSE

12 The purpose of this compact is to facilitate interstate practice of
13 regulated social workers by improving public access to competent social
14 work services. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to
15 protect public health and safety through the current system of state
16 licensure. This compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

17 (a) Increase public access to social work services;

18 (b) reduce overly burdensome and duplicative requirements
19 associated with holding multiple licenses;

20 (c) enhance the member states' ability to protect the public's health
21 and safety;

22 (d) encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating
23 multistate practice;

24 (e) promote mobility and address workforce shortages by eliminating
25 the necessity for licenses in multiple states through the mutual recognition
26 of other member state licenses;

27 (f) support military families;

28 (g) facilitate the exchange of licensure and disciplinary information
29 among member states;

30 (h) authorize all member states to hold a regulated social worker
31 accountable for abiding by a member states' laws, regulations and
32 applicable professional standards in the member state where the client is
33 located at the time care is rendered; and

34 (i) allow for the use of telehealth to facilitate increased access to
35 regulated social work services.
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SECTION 2—DEFINITIONS

SECTION 16—CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH
OTHER STATE LAWS

(a) A licensee providing services in a remote state under a multistate authorization to practice shall adhere to the laws and regulations, including laws, regulations and applicable standards, of the remote state where the client is located at the time care is rendered.

(b) Nothing in this compact shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the compact.

(c) Any laws, statutes, regulations or other legal requirements in a member state in conflict with the compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

(d) All permissible agreements between the commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms.

~~New~~ Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-6314 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6314. (a) The following fees may be established by the board in accordance with the following limitations, and any such fees shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board:

(1) Renewal or reinstatement fee for a license as a social work associate shall be not more than \$150.

(2) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a license as a baccalaureate social worker shall be not more than \$150.

~~(3) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a multi-state license as a baccalaureate social worker shall be not more than \$150.~~

~~(4) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a license as master social worker shall be not more than \$150.~~

~~(5) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a multi-state license as master social worker shall be not more than \$150.~~

~~(7) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a multi-state license in a social work specialty shall be not more than \$150.~~

~~(8) Replacement fee for reissuance of a license certificate due to loss or name change shall be not more than \$20.~~

~~(9) Replacement fee for reissuance of a wallet card shall be not more than \$5.~~

~~(10) Temporary license fee for a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or a social work specialty shall be not more than \$50.~~

~~(11) Temporary candidacy license fee for a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or a social work specialty shall be not more than \$75.~~

~~(12) Six-month reinstatement temporary license fee for a~~

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and renumber accordingly

1 baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or a social work
 2 specialty shall be not more than \$50.
 3 ~~(10)~~(13) Community-based license fee for a baccalaureate social
 4 worker, master social worker or social work specialty shall be not more
 5 than \$175.
 6 ~~(11)~~(14) Application fee for approval as board-approved continuing
 7 education sponsors shall be as follows:
 8 (A) Initial application fee for one year provisionally approved
 9 providers shall be not more than \$125;
 10 (B) three-year renewal fees for approved providers shall be not more
 11 than \$350; and
 12 (C) application fees for single program providers shall be not more
 13 than \$50 for each separately offered continuing education activity for
 14 which prior approval is sought.
 15 (b) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.
 16 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-6314 is hereby repealed.
 17 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
 18 publication in the statute book.

(12) New license or renewal fee for a home-state license with privilege to practice under the social work licensure compact shall be not more than \$25 in addition to any other applicable fee.

