

SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins

Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 15 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent

General Description:

This bill enacts the Social Work Licensure Compact.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ enacts the Social Work Licensure Compact; ~~H→~~ [and] ~~←H~~

▶ provides rulemaking authority ~~H→~~ [-] ; and

▶ makes technical changes. ~~←H~~

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-60-103.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 466

58-60-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 283, 339

ENACTS:

58-60b-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

58-60b-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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90 (c) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education
91 recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of
92 an education and an earned degree as follows:

93 (i) a master's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social
94 Work Education or by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work; or

95 (ii) a doctoral degree that contains a clinical social work concentration and practicum
96 approved by the division, by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
97 Administrative Rulemaking Act, that is consistent with Section 58-1-203;

98 (d) have completed a minimum of 3,000 hours of clinical social work training as
99 defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:

100 (i) under the supervision of a supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with
101 the board who is a:

102 (A) clinical mental health counselor;

103 (B) psychiatrist;

104 (C) psychologist;

105 (D) registered psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner;

106 (E) marriage and family therapist; or

107 (F) clinical social worker; and

108 (ii) including a minimum of two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course
109 that the division designates as approved;

110 (e) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training
111 in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection
112 (1)(c), which training may be included as part of the 3,000 hours of training in Subsection
113 (1)(d), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 75 of the hours were
114 obtained under the direct supervision, as defined by rule, of a supervisor described in
115 Subsection (1)(d)(i);

116 (f) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with
117 a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203;

118 (g) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203; and

119 (h) if the applicant is applying to participate in the ~~H→ [Counseling Compact under Chapter~~
120 ~~60a, Counseling Compact, or the]~~ ←H Social Work Licensure Compact under Chapter 60b, Social

400 Section 7. Section **58-60b-105** is enacted to read:

401 **58-60b-105. Section 5 -- Issuance of a Multistate License.**

402 A. Upon receipt of an application for Multistate License, the Home State Licensing
403 Authority shall determine the applicant's eligibility for a Multistate License in accordance with
404 Section 4 of this Compact.

405 B. If such applicant is eligible pursuant to Section 4 of this Compact, the Home State
406 Licensing Authority shall issue a Multistate License that authorizes the applicant or Regulated
407 Social Worker to practice in all Member States under a Multistate Authorization to Practice.

408 C. Upon issuance of a Multistate License, the Home State Licensing Authority shall
409 designate whether the Regulated Social Worker holds a Multistate License in the Bachelors,
410 Masters, or Clinical category of Social Work.

411 D. A Multistate License issued by a Home State to a resident in that State shall be
412 recognized by all Compact Member States as authorizing Social Work Practice under a
413 Multistate Authorization to Practice corresponding to each category of licensure regulated in
414 each Member State.

415 Section 8. Section **58-60b-106** is enacted to read:

416 **58-60b-106. Section 6 -- Authority of Interstate Compact Commission and**
417 **Member State Licensing Authorities.**

418 A. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to
419 limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Member State to enact and enforce laws,
420 regulations, or other rules related to the practice of Social Work in that State ~~H→ [; where those~~
420a ~~laws,~~

421 ~~regulations, or other rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Compact]~~ ←H .

422 B. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a Member
423 State for the issuance of a Single State License.

424 C. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to
425 limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Member State to take Adverse Action
426 against a Licensee's Single State License to practice Social Work in that State.

427 D. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to
428 limit, restrict, or in any way reduce the ability of a Remote State to take Adverse Action against
429 a Licensee's Multistate Authorization to Practice in that State.

430 E. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the Commission, shall be construed to