

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.

11 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 state's 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.

36 SECTION 2—DEFINITIONS

1 As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided, the
2 following definitions shall apply:

3 (a) "Active military member" means any individual with full-time
4 duty status in the active armed forces of the United States, including
5 members of the national guard and reserve.

6 (b) "Adverse action" means any administrative, civil, equitable or
7 criminal action permitted by a state's laws that is imposed by a licensing
8 authority or other authority against a regulated social worker, including
9 actions against an individual's license or multistate authorization to
10 practice such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the
11 licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice or any other encumbrance on
12 licensure affecting a regulated social worker's authorization to practice,
13 including issuance of a cease and desist action.

14 (c) "Alternative program" means a non-disciplinary monitoring or
15 practice remediation process approved by a licensing authority to address
16 practitioners with an impairment.

17 (d) "Charter member states" means member states that have enacted
18 legislation to adopt this compact where such legislation predates the
19 effective date of this compact as described in section 14 of this compact.

20 (e) "Compact commission" or "commission" means the government
21 agency whose membership consists of all states that have enacted this
22 compact, which is known as the social work licensure compact
23 commission as described in section 10 of this compact, and shall operate
24 as an instrumentality of the member states.

25 (f) "Current significant investigative information" means
26 investigative information that:

27 (1) A licensing authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes
28 notification and an opportunity for the regulated social worker to respond,
29 has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate
30 more than a minor infraction as may be defined by the commission; or

31 (2) Indicates that the regulated social worker represents an immediate
32 threat to public health and safety, as may be defined by the commission,
33 regardless of whether the regulated social worker has been notified and has
34 had an opportunity to respond.

35 (g) "Data system" means a repository of information about licensees,
36 including, continuing education, examination, licensure, current significant
37 investigative information, disqualifying event, multistate license and
38 adverse action information or other information as required by the
39 commission.

40 (h) "Disqualifying event" means any adverse action or incident that
41 results in an encumbrance that disqualifies or makes the licensee ineligible
42 to either obtain, retain or renew a multistate license.

43 (i) "Domicile" means the jurisdiction in which the licensee resides

1 and intends to remain indefinitely.

2 (j) "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension of, or any
3 limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of social work licensed and
4 regulated by a licensing authority.

5 (k) "Executive committee" means a group of delegates elected or
6 appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by,
7 the compact and commission.

8 (l) "Home state" means the member state that is the licensee's primary
9 domicile.

10 (m) "Impairment" means a condition that may impair a practitioner's
11 ability to engage in full and unrestricted practice as a regulated social
12 worker without some type of intervention and may include alcohol and
13 drug dependence, mental health impairment and neurological or physical
14 impairments.

15 (n) "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds a license
16 from a state to practice as a regulated social worker.

17 (o) "Licensing authority" means the board or agency of a member
18 state, or equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of
19 regulated social workers.

20 (p) "Member state" means a state, commonwealth, district or territory
21 of the United States of America that has enacted this compact.

22 (q) "Multistate authorization to practice" means a legally authorized
23 privilege to practice, which is equivalent to a license, associated with a
24 multistate license permitting the practice of social work in a remote state.

25 (r) "Multistate license" means a license to practice as a regulated
26 social worker issued by a home state licensing authority that authorizes the
27 regulated social worker to practice in all member states under multistate
28 authorization to practice.

29 (s) "Qualifying national exam" means a national licensing
30 examination approved by the commission.

31 (t) "Regulated social worker" means any clinical, master's or
32 bachelor's social worker licensed by a member state regardless of the title
33 used by that member state.

34 (u) "Remote state" means a member state other than the licensee's
35 home state.

36 (v) "Rule" or "rule of the commission" means a regulation duly
37 promulgated by the commission, as authorized by the compact, that has the
38 force of law.

39 (w) "Single-state license" means a social work license issued by any
40 state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not
41 include multistate authorization to practice in any member state.

42 (x) "Social work" or "social work services" means the application of
43 social work theory, knowledge, methods and ethics and the professional

1 use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial or biopsychosocial
2 functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations and
3 communities through the care and services provided by a regulated social
4 worker as set forth in the member state's statutes and regulations in the
5 state where the services are being provided.

6 (y) "State" means any state, commonwealth, district or territory of the
7 United States of America that regulates the practice of social work.

8 (z) "Unencumbered license" means a license that authorizes a
9 regulated social worker to engage in the full and unrestricted practice of
10 social work.

11 SECTION 3—STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

12 (a) To be eligible to participate in the compact, a potential member
13 state shall currently meet all of the following criteria:

14 (1) License and regulate the practice of social work at either the
15 clinical, master's or bachelor's category;

16 (2) require applicants for licensure to graduate from a program that is:

17 (A) Operated by a college or university recognized by the licensing
18 authority;

19 (B) accredited, or in candidacy by an institution that subsequently
20 becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:

21 (i) The council for higher education accreditation, or its successor; or

22 (ii) the United States department of education; and

23 (C) corresponds to the licensure sought as outlined in section 4 of this
24 compact;

25 (3) require applicants for clinical licensure to complete a period of
26 supervised practice; and

27 (4) have a mechanism in place for receiving, investigating and
28 adjudicating complaints about licensees.

29 (b) To maintain membership in the compact, a member state shall:

30 (1) Require that applicants for a multistate license pass a qualifying
31 national exam for the corresponding category of multistate license sought
32 as outlined in section 4 of this compact;

33 (2) participate fully in the commission's data system, including using
34 the commission's unique identifier as defined in rules;

35 (3) notify the commission, in compliance with the terms of the
36 compact and rules, of any adverse action or the availability of current
37 significant investigative information regarding a licensee;

38 (4) implement procedures for considering the criminal history records
39 of applicants for a multistate license. Such procedures shall include the
40 submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by
41 applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history
42 record information from the federal bureau of investigation and the agency
43 responsible for retaining that state's criminal records;

- 1 (5) comply with the rules of the commission;
- 2 (6) require an applicant to obtain or retain a license in the home state
- 3 and meet the home state's qualifications for licensure or renewal of
- 4 licensure, as well as all other applicable home state laws;
- 5 (7) authorize a licensee holding a multistate license in any member
- 6 state to practice in accordance with the terms of the compact and rules of
- 7 the commission; and
- 8 (8) designate a delegate to participate in the commission meetings.
- 9 (c) A member state meeting the requirements of subsections (a) and
- 10 (b) shall designate the categories of social work licensure that are eligible
- 11 for issuance of a multistate license for applicants in such member state. To
- 12 the extent that any member state does not meet the requirements for
- 13 participation in the compact at any particular category of social work
- 14 licensure, such member state may choose, but is not obligated to, issue a
- 15 multistate license to applicants that otherwise meet the requirements of
- 16 section 4 of this compact for issuance of a multistate license in such
- 17 category or categories of licensure.
- 18 (d) The home state may charge a fee for granting the multistate
- 19 license.

20 SECTION 4—SOCIAL WORKER PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

- 21 (a) To be eligible for a multistate license under the terms and
- 22 provisions of the compact, an applicant, regardless of category, shall:
- 23 (1) Hold or be eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the
- 24 home state;
- 25 (2) pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the multistate
- 26 license;
- 27 (3) submit, in connection with an application for a multistate license,
- 28 fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal
- 29 history record information from the federal bureau of investigation and the
- 30 agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records;
- 31 (4) notify the home state of any adverse action, encumbrance or
- 32 restriction on any professional license taken by any member state or non-
- 33 member state within 30 days after the date the action is taken;
- 34 (5) meet any continuing competence requirements established by the
- 35 home state; and
- 36 (6) abide by the laws, regulations and applicable standards in the
- 37 member state where the client is located at the time care is rendered.
- 38 (b) An applicant for a clinical-category multistate license shall meet
- 39 all of the following requirements:
- 40 (1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by:
- 41 (A) Passage of a clinical-category qualifying national exam;
- 42 (B) licensure of the applicant in their home state at the clinical
- 43 category, beginning prior to such time as a qualifying national exam was

- 1 required by the home state and accompanied by a period of continuous
2 social work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by
3 the rules of the commission; or
- 4 (C) the substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency
5 requirements, which the commission may determine by rule;
- 6 (2) attain at least a master's degree in social work from a program that
7 is:
- 8 (A) Operated by a college or university recognized by the licensing
9 authority; and
- 10 (B) Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes
11 accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:
- 12 (i) The council for higher education accreditation or its successor; or
13 (ii) the United States department of education; and
- 14 (3) fulfill a practice requirement, which shall be satisfied by
15 demonstrating completion of:
- 16 (A) A period of postgraduate supervised clinical practice equal to a
17 minimum of 3,000 hours;
- 18 (B) a minimum of two years of full-time postgraduate supervised
19 clinical practice; or
- 20 (C) the substantial equivalency of the foregoing practice requirements
21 that the commission may determine by rule.
- 22 (c) An applicant for a master's-category multistate license shall meet
23 all of the following requirements:
- 24 (1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by:
- 25 (A) Passage of a master's-category qualifying national exam;
- 26 (B) licensure of the applicant in their home state at the master's
27 category, beginning prior to such time as a qualifying national exam was
28 required by the home state at the master's category and accompanied by a
29 continuous period of social work licensure thereafter, all of which may be
30 further governed by the rules of the commission; or
- 31 (C) the substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency
32 requirements, which the commission may determine by rule; and
- 33 (2) attain at least a master's degree in social work from a program that
34 is:
- 35 (A) Operated by a college or university recognized by the licensing
36 authority; and
- 37 (B) accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes accredited,
38 by an accrediting agency recognized by either:
- 39 (i) The council for higher education accreditation or its successor; or
40 (ii) the United States department of education.
- 41 (d) An applicant for a bachelor's-category multistate license shall
42 meet all of the following requirements:
- 43 (1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by:

1 (A) Passage of a bachelor's-category qualifying national exam;
2 (B) Licensure of the applicant in their home state at the bachelor's
3 category, beginning prior to such time as a qualifying national exam was
4 required by the home state and accompanied by a period of continuous
5 social work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by
6 the rules of the commission; or

7 (C) the substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency
8 requirements, which the commission may determine by rule; and

9 (2) attain at least a bachelor's degree in social work from a program
10 that is:

11 (A) Operated by a college or university recognized by the licensing
12 authority; and

13 (B) accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes accredited,
14 by an accrediting agency recognized by either:

15 (i) The council for higher education accreditation or its successor; or

16 (ii) the United States department of education.

17 (e) The multistate license for a regulated social worker is subject to
18 the renewal requirements of the home state. The regulated social worker
19 shall maintain compliance with the requirements of section 4(a) of this
20 compact to be eligible to renew a multistate license.

21 (f) The regulated social worker's services in a remote state are subject
22 to that member state's regulatory authority. A remote state may, in
23 accordance with due process and that member state's laws, remove a
24 regulated social worker's multistate authorization to practice in the remote
25 state for a specific period of time, impose fines and take any other
26 necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

27 (g) If a multistate license is encumbered, the regulated social worker's
28 multistate authorization to practice shall be deactivated in all remote states
29 until the multistate license is no longer encumbered.

30 (h) If a multistate authorization to practice is encumbered in a remote
31 state, the regulated social worker's multistate authorization to practice may
32 be deactivated in that state until the multistate authorization to practice is
33 no longer encumbered.

34 SECTION 5—ISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE

35 (a) Upon receipt of an application for multistate license, the home
36 state licensing authority shall determine the applicant's eligibility for a
37 multistate license in accordance with section 4 of this compact.

38 (b) If such applicant is eligible pursuant to section 4 of this compact,
39 the home state licensing authority shall issue a multistate license that
40 authorizes the applicant or regulated social worker to practice in all
41 member states under a multistate authorization to practice.

42 (c) Upon issuance of a multistate license, the home state licensing
43 authority shall designate whether the regulated social worker holds a

1 multistate license in the bachelor's, master's or clinical category of social
2 work.

3 (d) A multistate license issued by a home state to a resident in that
4 state shall be recognized by all compact member states as authorizing
5 social work practice under a multistate authorization to practice
6 corresponding to each category of licensure regulated in each member
7 state.

8 SECTION 6—AUTHORITY OF INTERSTATE COMPACT
9 COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATE LICENSING AUTHORITIES

10 (a) Nothing in this compact, nor any rule of the commission, shall be
11 construed to limit, restrict or in any way reduce the ability of a member
12 state to enact and enforce laws, regulations or other rules related to the
13 practice of social work in that state, where those laws, regulations or other
14 rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this compact.

15 (b) Nothing in this compact shall affect the requirements established
16 by a member state for the issuance of a single-state license.

17 (c) Nothing in this compact, nor any rule of the commission, shall be
18 construed to limit, restrict or in any way reduce the ability of a member
19 state to take adverse action against a licensee's single-state license to
20 practice social work in that state.

21 (d) Nothing in this compact, nor any rule of the commission, shall be
22 construed to limit, restrict or in any way reduce the ability of a remote
23 state to take adverse action against a licensee's multistate authorization to
24 practice in that state.

25 (e) Nothing in this compact, nor any rule of the commission, shall be
26 construed to limit, restrict or in any way reduce the ability of a licensee's
27 home state to take adverse action against a licensee's multistate license
28 based upon information provided by a remote state.

29 SECTION 7—REISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE BY A
30 NEW HOME STATE

31 (a) A licensee may hold a multistate license, issued by their home
32 state, in only one member state at any given time.

33 (b) If a licensee changes their home state by moving between two
34 member states:

35 (1) The licensee shall immediately apply for the reissuance of their
36 multistate license in their new home state. The licensee shall pay all
37 applicable fees and notify the prior home state in accordance with the rules
38 of the commission.

39 (2) Upon receipt of an application to reissue a multistate license, the
40 new home state shall verify that the multistate license is active,
41 unencumbered and eligible for reissuance under the terms of the compact
42 and the rules of the commission. The multistate license issued by the prior
43 home state will be deactivated and all member states notified in

1 accordance with the applicable rules adopted by the commission.

2 (3) Prior to the reissuance of the multistate license, the new home
3 state shall conduct procedures for considering the criminal history records
4 of the licensee. Such procedures shall include the submission of
5 fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the
6 purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information
7 from the federal bureau of investigation and the agency responsible for
8 retaining such new home state's criminal records.

9 (4) If required for initial licensure, the new home state may require
10 completion of jurisprudence requirements in the new home state.

11 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this compact, if a licensee
12 does not meet the requirements set forth in this compact for the reissuance
13 of a multistate license by the new home state, then the licensee shall be
14 subject to the new home state requirements for the issuance of a single-
15 state license in that state.

16 (c) If a licensee changes their primary state of residence by moving
17 from a member state to a non-member state, or from a non-member state
18 to a member state, then the licensee shall be subject to the state
19 requirements for the issuance of a single-state license in the new home
20 state.

21 (d) Nothing in this compact shall interfere with a licensee's ability to
22 hold a single-state license in multiple states, except that, for the purposes
23 of this compact, a licensee shall have only one home state and only one
24 multistate license.

25 (e) Nothing in this compact shall interfere with the requirements
26 established by a member state for the issuance of a single-state license.

27 SECTION 8—MILITARY FAMILIES

28 An active military member or their spouse shall designate a home state
29 where the individual has a multistate license. The individual may retain
30 their home state designation during the period the service member is on
31 active duty.

32 SECTION 9—ADVERSE ACTIONS

33 (a) (1) In addition to the other powers conferred by state law, a
34 remote state shall have the authority, in accordance with existing state due
35 process law, to take adverse action against a regulated social worker's
36 multistate authorization to practice only within that member state and issue
37 subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance
38 and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of evidence.
39 Subpoenas issued by a licensing authority in a member state for the
40 attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from
41 another member state shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of
42 competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that
43 court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The

1 issuing licensing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses,
2 mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the state in which
3 the witnesses or evidence are located.

4 (2) Only the home state shall have the power to take adverse action
5 against a regulated social worker's multistate license.

6 (b) For purposes of taking adverse action, the home state shall give
7 the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a member
8 state as it would if the conduct had occurred within the home state. In so
9 doing, the home state shall apply its own state laws to determine
10 appropriate action.

11 (c) The home state shall complete any pending investigations of a
12 regulated social worker who changes their home state during the course of
13 the investigations. The home state shall also have the authority to take
14 appropriate action and shall promptly report the conclusions of the
15 investigations to the administrator of the data system. The administrator of
16 the data system shall promptly notify the new home state of any adverse
17 actions.

18 (d) A member state, if otherwise permitted by state law, may recover
19 from the affected regulated social worker the costs of investigations and
20 dispositions of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that
21 regulated social worker.

22 (e) A member state may take adverse action based on the factual
23 findings of another member state, provided that the member state follows
24 its own procedures for taking the adverse action.

25 (f) Joint investigations:

26 (1) In addition to the authority granted to a member state by its
27 respective social work practice act or other applicable state law, any
28 member state may participate with other member states in joint
29 investigations of licensees.

30 (2) Member states shall share any investigative, litigation or
31 compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation
32 initiated under the compact.

33 (g) If adverse action is taken by the home state against the multistate
34 license of a regulated social worker, the regulated social worker's
35 multistate authorization to practice in all other member states shall be
36 deactivated until all encumbrances have been removed from the multistate
37 license. All home state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action
38 against the license of a regulated social worker shall include a statement
39 that the regulated social worker's multistate authorization to practice is
40 deactivated in all member states until all conditions of the decision, order
41 or agreement are satisfied.

42 (h) If a member state takes adverse action, it shall promptly notify the
43 administrator of the data system. The administrator of the data system shall

1 promptly notify the home state and all other member states of any adverse
2 actions by remote states.

3 (i) Nothing in this compact shall override a member state's decision
4 that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse
5 action.

6 (j) Nothing in this compact shall authorize a member state to demand
7 the issuance of subpoenas for attendance and testimony of witnesses or the
8 production of evidence from another member state for lawful actions
9 within that member state.

10 (k) Nothing in this compact shall authorize a member state to impose
11 disciplinary action against a regulated social worker who holds a
12 multistate authorization to practice for lawful actions within another
13 member state.

14 SECTION 10—ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE
15 COMPACT COMMISSION

16 (a) The compact member states hereby create and establish a joint
17 government agency whose membership consists of all member states that
18 have enacted the compact known as the social work licensure compact
19 commission. The commission is an instrumentality of the compact states
20 acting jointly and not an instrumentality of any one state. The commission
21 shall come into existence on or after the effective date of the compact as
22 set forth in section 14 of this compact.

23 (b) Membership, voting and meetings:

24 (1) Each member state shall have and be limited to one delegate
25 selected by that member state's state licensing authority.

26 (2) The delegate shall be either:

27 (A) A current member of the state licensing authority at the time of
28 appointment, who is a regulated social worker or public member of the
29 state licensing authority; or

30 (B) an administrator of the state licensing authority or their designee.

31 (3) The commission shall by rule or bylaw establish a term of office
32 for delegates and may by rule or bylaw establish term limits.

33 (4) The commission may recommend the removal or suspension of
34 any delegate from office.

35 (5) A member state's state licensing authority shall fill any vacancy of
36 its delegate occurring on the commission within 60 days after the vacancy
37 occurs.

38 (6) Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before
39 the commission requiring a vote by commission delegates.

40 (7) A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as
41 provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates to meet by
42 telecommunication, videoconference or other means of communication.

43 (8) The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar

1 year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws. The
2 commission may meet by telecommunication, videoconference or other
3 similar electronic means.

4 (c) The commission shall have the following powers:

5 (1) Establish the fiscal year of the commission;

6 (2) establish code of conduct and conflict of interest policies;

7 (3) establish and amend rules and bylaws;

8 (4) maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

9 (5) meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of
10 this compact, the commission's rules and the bylaws;

11 (6) initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the name of
12 the commission, provided that the standing of any state licensing board to
13 sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

14 (7) maintain and certify records and information provided to a
15 member state as the authenticated business records of the commission and
16 designate an agent to do so on the commission's behalf;

17 (8) purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

18 (9) borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but
19 not limited to, employees of a member state;

20 (10) conduct an annual financial review;

21 (11) hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation,
22 define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the
23 purposes of the compact and establish the commission's personnel policies
24 and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel
25 and other related personnel matters;

26 (12) assess and collect fees;

27 (13) accept any and all appropriate gifts, donations, grants of money,
28 other sources of revenue, equipment, supplies, materials and services and
29 receive, utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the
30 commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of
31 interest;

32 (14) lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve or use any property,
33 real, personal or mixed, or any undivided interest therein;

34 (15) sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or
35 otherwise dispose of any property real, personal or mixed;

36 (16) establish a budget and make expenditures;

37 (17) borrow money;

38 (18) appoint committees, including standing committees, composed
39 of members, state regulators, state legislators or their representatives and
40 consumer representatives and such other interested persons as may be
41 designated in this compact and the bylaws;

42 (19) provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law
43 enforcement agencies;

1 (20) establish and elect an executive committee, including a
2 chairperson and a vice chairperson;

3 (21) determine whether a state's adopted language is materially
4 different from the model compact language such that the state would not
5 qualify for participation in the compact; and

6 (22) perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate
7 to achieve the purposes of this compact.

8 (d) The executive committee:

9 (1) The executive committee shall have the power to act on behalf of
10 the commission according to the terms of this compact. The powers, duties
11 and responsibilities of the executive committee shall include:

12 (A) Oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of the
13 compact, including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the
14 compact, its rules and bylaws and other such duties as deemed necessary;

15 (B) recommend to the commission changes to the rules or bylaws,
16 changes to this compact legislation, fees charged to compact member
17 states, fees charged to licensees and other fees;

18 (C) ensure compact administration services are appropriately
19 provided, including by contract;

20 (D) prepare and recommend the budget;

21 (E) maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

22 (F) monitor compact compliance of member states and provide
23 compliance reports to the commission;

24 (G) establish additional committees as necessary;

25 (H) exercise the powers and duties of the commission during the
26 interim between commission meetings, except for adopting or amending
27 rules, adopting or amending bylaws and exercising any other powers and
28 duties expressly reserved to the commission by rule or bylaw; and

29 (I) fulfill other duties as provided in the rules or bylaws of the
30 commission.

31 (2) The executive committee shall be composed of up to 11 members:

32 (A) The chairperson and vice chairperson of the commission shall be
33 voting members of the executive committee;

34 (B) the commission shall elect five voting members from the current
35 membership of the commission;

36 (C) up to four nonvoting members from four recognized national
37 social work organizations; and

38 (D) the nonvoting members shall be selected by their respective
39 organizations.

40 (3) The commission may remove any member of the executive
41 committee as provided in the commission's bylaws.

42 (4) The executive committee shall meet at least annually.

43 (A) Executive committee meetings shall be open to the public, except

1 that the executive committee may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as
2 provided in subsection (f)(2).

3 (B) The executive committee shall give seven days' notice of its
4 meetings, posted on its website and as determined to provide notice to
5 persons with an interest in the business of the commission.

6 (C) The executive committee may hold a special meeting in
7 accordance with subsection (f)(1)(B).

8 (e) The commission shall adopt and provide to the member states an
9 annual report.

10 (f) Meetings of the commission:

11 (1) All meetings shall be open to the public, except that the
12 commission may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in
13 subsection (f)(2).

14 (A) Public notice for all meetings of the full commission shall be
15 given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in
16 section 12 of this compact, except that the commission may hold a special
17 meeting as provided in subsection (f)(1)(B).

18 (B) The commission may hold a special meeting when it must meet to
19 conduct emergency business by giving 48 hours' notice to all
20 commissioners on the commission's website and by other means as
21 provided in the commission's rules. The commission's legal counsel shall
22 certify that the commission's need to meet qualifies as an emergency.

23 (2) The commission or the executive committee or other committees
24 of the commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting for the
25 commission or executive committee or other committees of the
26 commission to receive legal advice or discuss:

27 (A) Non-compliance of a member state with its obligations under the
28 compact;

29 (B) the employment, compensation, discipline or other matters,
30 practices or procedures related to specific employees;

31 (C) current or threatened discipline of a licensee by the commission
32 or by a member state's licensing authority;

33 (D) current, threatened or reasonably anticipated litigation;

34 (E) negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease or sale of goods,
35 services or real estate;

36 (F) accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

37 (G) trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is
38 privileged or confidential;

39 (H) information of a personal nature where disclosure would
40 constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

41 (I) investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

42 (J) information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on
43 behalf of or for use of the commission or other committee charged with

1 responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues
2 pursuant to the compact;

3 (K) matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or
4 member state law; or

5 (L) other matters as promulgated by the commission by rule.

6 (3) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the presiding
7 officer shall state that the meeting will be closed and reference each
8 relevant exempting provision, and such reference shall be recorded in the
9 minutes.

10 (4) The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe
11 all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate
12 summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefor, including a description
13 of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an
14 action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a
15 closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a
16 majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent
17 jurisdiction.

18 (g) Financing of the commission:

19 (1) The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the
20 reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing
21 activities.

22 (2) The commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue
23 sources as provided in subsection (c)(13).

24 (3) The commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment
25 from each member state and impose fees on licensees of member states to
26 whom it grants a multistate license to cover the cost of the operations and
27 activities of the commission and its staff, which shall be in a total amount
28 sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which
29 revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment
30 amount for member states shall be allocated based upon a formula that the
31 commission shall promulgate by rule.

32 (4) The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to
33 securing the funds adequate to meet the same, nor shall the commission
34 pledge the credit of any of the member states except by and with the
35 authority of the member state.

36 (5) The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and
37 disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be
38 subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established
39 under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds
40 handled by the commission shall be subject to an annual financial review
41 by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial
42 review shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the
43 commission.

1 (h) Qualified immunity, defense and indemnification:

2 (1) The members, officers, executive director, employees and
3 representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and liability,
4 both personally and in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to
5 or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or
6 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or
7 that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for
8 believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or
9 responsibilities, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
10 to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss,
11 injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton
12 misconduct of that person. The procurement of insurance of any type by
13 the commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the immunity
14 granted under this compact.

15 (2) The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive
16 director, employee and representative of the commission in any civil action
17 seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or
18 omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment,
19 duties or responsibilities, or as determined by the commission that the
20 person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for
21 believing such act or alleged act, error or omission occurred within the
22 scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, provided that
23 nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining
24 their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the
25 actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from that person's
26 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

27 (3) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member,
28 officer, executive director, employee and representative of the commission
29 for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person
30 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred
31 within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or
32 that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
33 scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that
34 the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from the
35 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

36 (4) Nothing in this compact shall be construed as a limitation on the
37 liability of any licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which
38 shall be governed solely by any other applicable state laws.

39 (5) Nothing in this compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise
40 abrogate a member state's state action immunity or state action affirmative
41 defense with respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman act, Clayton act
42 or any other state or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

43 (6) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of

1 sovereign immunity by the member states or by the commission.

2 SECTION 11—DATA SYSTEM

3 (a) The commission shall provide for the development, maintenance,
4 operation and utilization of a coordinated data system.

5 (b) The commission shall assign each applicant for a multistate
6 license a unique identifier, as determined by the rules of the commission.

7 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a
8 member state shall submit a uniform data set to the data system on all
9 individuals to whom this compact is applicable as required by the rules of
10 the commission, including:

11 (1) Identifying information;

12 (2) licensure data;

13 (3) adverse actions against a license and information related thereto;

14 (4) non-confidential information related to alternative program
15 participation, the beginning and ending dates of such participation and
16 other information related to such participation not made confidential under
17 member state law;

18 (5) any denial of application for licensure and the reason for such
19 denial;

20 (6) the presence of current significant investigative information; and

21 (7) other information that may facilitate the administration of this
22 compact or the protection of the public, as determined by the rules of the
23 commission.

24 (d) The records and information provided to a member state pursuant
25 to this compact or through the data system, when certified by the
26 commission or an agent thereof, shall constitute the authenticated business
27 records of the commission and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay
28 exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative
29 proceedings in a member state.

30 (e) Current significant investigative information pertaining to a
31 licensee in any member state will only be available to other member states.
32 It is the responsibility of the member states to report any adverse action
33 against a licensee and to monitor the database to determine whether
34 adverse action has been taken against a licensee. Adverse action
35 information pertaining to a licensee in any member state will be available
36 to any other member state.

37 (f) Member states contributing information to the data system may
38 designate information that may not be shared with the public without the
39 express permission of the contributing state.

40 (g) Any information submitted to the data system that is subsequently
41 expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws of the member state
42 contributing the information shall be removed from the data system.

43 SECTION 12—RULEMAKING

1 (a) The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules in order to
2 effectively and efficiently implement and administer the purposes and
3 provisions of the compact. A rule shall be invalid and have no force or
4 effect only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that the rule is invalid
5 because the commission exercised its rulemaking authority in a manner
6 that is beyond the scope and purposes of the compact, or the powers
7 granted hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of review.

8 (b) The rules of the commission shall have the force of law in each
9 member state, except that where the rules of the commission conflict with
10 the laws of the member state that establish the member state's laws,
11 regulations and applicable standards that govern the practice of social
12 work as held by a court of competent jurisdiction, the rules of the
13 commission shall be ineffective in that state to the extent of the conflict.

14 (c) The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to
15 the criteria set forth in this section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules
16 shall become binding on the day following adoption or the date specified
17 in the rule or amendment, whichever is later.

18 (d) If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule
19 or portion of a rule by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same
20 manner used to adopt the compact within four years of the date of adoption
21 of the rule, then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any
22 member state.

23 (e) Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the
24 commission.

25 (f) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the commission shall hold a
26 public hearing and allow persons to provide oral and written comments,
27 data, facts, opinions and arguments.

28 (g) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule by the commission and at
29 least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which the commission will hold
30 a public hearing on the proposed rule, the commission shall provide a
31 notice of proposed rulemaking:

32 (1) On the website of the commission or other publicly accessible
33 platform;

34 (2) to persons who have requested notice of the commission's notices
35 of proposed rulemaking, and

36 (3) in such other way as the commission may specify by rule.

37 (h) The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:

38 (1) The time, date and location of the public hearing at which the
39 commission will hear public comments on the proposed rule and, if
40 different, the time, date and location of the meeting where the commission
41 will consider and vote on the proposed rule;

42 (2) if the hearing is held via telecommunication, videoconference or
43 other electronic means, the commission shall include the mechanism for

- 1 access to the hearing in the notice of proposed rulemaking;
- 2 (3) the text of the proposed rule and the reason therefor;
- 3 (4) a request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested
- 4 person; and
- 5 (5) the manner in which interested persons may submit written
- 6 comments.
- 7 (i) All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording and all
- 8 written comments and documents received by the commission in response
- 9 to the proposed rule shall be available to the public.
- 10 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate
- 11 hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the
- 12 commission at hearings required by this section.
- 13 (k) The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final
- 14 action on the proposed rule based on the rulemaking record and the full
- 15 text of the rule.
- 16 (1) The commission may adopt changes to the proposed rule,
- 17 provided that the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the
- 18 proposed rule.
- 19 (2) The commission shall provide an explanation of the reasons for
- 20 substantive changes made to the proposed rule as well as reasons for
- 21 substantive changes not made that were recommended by commenters.
- 22 (3) The commission shall determine a reasonable effective date for
- 23 the rule. Except for an emergency as provided in subsection (l), the
- 24 effective date of the rule shall not be earlier than 30 days after issuing the
- 25 notice that it adopted or amended the rule.
- 26 (l) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission
- 27 may consider and adopt an emergency rule with 48 hours' notice, with
- 28 opportunity to comment, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures
- 29 provided in the compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to
- 30 the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than 90 days after
- 31 the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an
- 32 emergency rule is one that shall be adopted immediately in order to:
- 33 (1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare;
- 34 (2) prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;
- 35 (3) meet a deadline for the promulgation of a rule that is established
- 36 by federal law or rule; or
- 37 (4) protect public health and safety.
- 38 (m) The commission or an authorized committee of the commission
- 39 may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule for purposes of
- 40 correcting typographical, formatting, consistency or grammatical errors.
- 41 Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the
- 42 commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a
- 43 period of 30 days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on

1 grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge
2 shall be made in writing and delivered to the commission prior to the end
3 of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect
4 without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not
5 take effect without the approval of the commission.

6 (n) No member state's rulemaking requirements shall apply under this
7 compact.

8 SECTION 13—OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND
9 ENFORCEMENT

10 (a) Oversight:

11 (1) The executive and judicial branches of state government in each
12 member state shall enforce this compact and take all actions necessary and
13 appropriate to implement the compact.

14 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this compact, venue is proper,
15 and judicial proceedings by or against the commission shall be brought
16 solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the
17 principal office of the commission is located. The commission may waive
18 venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to
19 participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein
20 shall affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action
21 against a licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct or any such
22 similar matter.

23 (3) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in
24 any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the compact
25 and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes.
26 Failure to provide the commission service of process shall render a
27 judgment or order void as to the commission, this compact or promulgated
28 rules.

29 (b) Default, technical assistance and termination:

30 (1) If the commission determines that a member state has defaulted in
31 the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or
32 the promulgated rules, the commission shall provide written notice to the
33 defaulting state. The notice of default shall describe the default, the
34 proposed means of curing the default and any other action that the
35 commission may take and shall offer training and specific technical
36 assistance regarding the default.

37 (2) The commission shall provide a copy of the notice of default to
38 the other member states.

39 (c) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state
40 may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a
41 majority of the delegates of the member states, and all rights, privileges
42 and benefits conferred on that state by this compact may be terminated on
43 the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the

1 offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of
2 default.

3 (d) Termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only
4 after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice
5 of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the commission to the
6 governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's
7 legislature, the defaulting state's state licensing authority and each of the
8 member states' state licensing authority.

9 (e) A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments,
10 obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of
11 termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of
12 termination.

13 (f) Upon the termination of a state's membership from this compact,
14 that state shall immediately provide notice to all licensees within that state
15 of such termination. The terminated state shall continue to recognize all
16 licenses granted pursuant to this compact for a minimum of six months
17 after the date of said notice of termination.

18 (g) The commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is
19 found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact, unless
20 agreed upon in writing between the commission and the defaulting state.

21 (h) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission by
22 petitioning the United States district court for the District of Columbia or
23 the federal district where the commission has its principal offices. The
24 prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including
25 reasonable attorney's fees.

26 (i) Dispute resolution:

27 (1) Upon request by a member state, the commission shall attempt to
28 resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among member states and
29 between member and non-member states.

30 (2) The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both
31 mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

32 (j) Enforcement:

33 (1) By majority vote as provided by rule, the commission may initiate
34 legal action against a member state in default in the United States district
35 court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the
36 commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the
37 provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules. The relief sought may
38 include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial
39 enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of
40 such litigation, including reasonable attorney fees. The remedies herein
41 shall not be the exclusive remedies of the commission. The commission
42 may pursue any other remedies available under federal or the defaulting
43 member state's law.

1 (2) A member state may initiate legal action against the commission
2 in the United States district court for the District of Columbia or the
3 federal district where the commission has its principal offices to enforce
4 compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules.
5 The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the
6 event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be
7 awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney fees.

8 (3) No person other than a member state shall enforce this compact
9 against the commission.

10 SECTION 14—EFFECTIVE DATE, WITHDRAWAL AND
11 AMENDMENT

12 (a) The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the
13 compact statute is enacted into law in the 7th member state.

14 (1) On or after the effective date of the compact, the commission
15 shall convene and review the enactment of each of the first seven member
16 states, the charter member states, to determine if the statute enacted by
17 each such charter member state is materially different than the model
18 compact statute.

19 (A) A charter member state whose enactment is found to be
20 materially different from the model compact statute shall be entitled to the
21 default process set forth in section 13 of this compact.

22 (B) If any member state is later found to be in default, or is
23 terminated or withdraws from the compact, the commission shall remain in
24 existence and the compact shall remain in effect even if the number of
25 member states should be fewer than seven.

26 (2) Member states enacting the compact subsequent to the seven
27 initial charter member states shall be subject to the process set forth in
28 section 10(c)(21) of this compact to determine if their enactments are
29 materially different from the model compact statute and whether they
30 qualify for participation in the compact.

31 (3) All actions taken for the benefit of the commission or in
32 furtherance of the purposes of the administration of the compact prior to
33 the effective date of the compact or the commission coming into existence
34 shall be considered to be actions of the commission unless specifically
35 repudiated by the commission.

36 (4) Any state that joins the compact subsequent to the commission's
37 initial adoption of the rules and bylaws shall be subject to the rules and
38 bylaws as they exist on the date when the compact becomes law in that
39 state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the commission shall
40 have the full force and effect of law on the day the compact becomes law
41 in that state.

42 (b) Any member state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a
43 statute repealing the same.

1 (1) A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until 180 days
2 after enactment of the repealing statute.

3 (2) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the
4 withdrawing state's licensing authority to comply with the investigative
5 and adverse action reporting requirements of this compact prior to the
6 effective date of withdrawal.

7 (3) Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this compact, a
8 state shall immediately provide notice of such withdrawal to all licensees
9 within that state. Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to
10 the contrary, such withdrawing state shall continue to recognize all
11 licenses granted pursuant to this compact for a minimum of 180 days after
12 the date of such notice of withdrawal.

13 (c) Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to invalidate
14 or prevent any licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement
15 between a member state and a non-member state that does not conflict
16 with the provisions of this compact.

17 (d) This compact may be amended by the member states. No
18 amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding upon any
19 member state until it is enacted into the laws of all member states.

20 SECTION 15—CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

21 (a) This compact and the commission's rulemaking authority shall be
22 liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes and the implementation
23 and administration of the compact. Provisions of the compact expressly
24 authorizing or requiring the promulgation of rules shall not be construed to
25 limit the commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.

26 (b) The provisions of this compact shall be severable, and if any
27 phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is held by a court of
28 competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the constitution of any member
29 state, a state seeking participation in the compact or of the United States,
30 or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or
31 circumstance is held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent
32 jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the
33 applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person or
34 circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

35 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the commission may deny a
36 state's participation in the compact or, in accordance with the requirements
37 of section 13(b) of this compact, terminate a member state's participation
38 in the compact, if it determines that a constitutional requirement of a
39 member state is a material departure from the compact. Otherwise, if this
40 compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any member
41 state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining
42 member states and in full force and effect as to the member state affected
43 as to all severable matters.

1 SECTION 16—CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH
 2 OTHER STATE LAWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (3) *Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a multi-*
 24 *state license as a baccalaureate social worker shall be not more than*
 25 *\$150.*

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

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

30 ~~(4)~~(6) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a
 31 license in a social work specialty shall be not more than \$150.

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

34 ~~(5)~~(8) Replacement fee for reissuance of a license certificate due to
 35 loss or name change shall be not more than \$20.

36 ~~(6)~~(9) Replacement fee for reissuance of a wallet card shall be not
 37 more than \$5.

38 ~~(7)~~(10) Temporary license fee for a baccalaureate social worker,
 39 master social worker or a social work specialty shall be not more than \$50.

40 ~~(8)~~(11) Temporary candidacy license fee for a baccalaureate social
 41 worker, master social worker or a social work specialty shall be not more
 42 than \$75.

43 ~~(9)~~(12) Six-month reinstatement temporary license fee for a

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.