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Why Texas should pass the Social Work Licensure Compact

Economic Benefits

- Minimizing licensing obstacles boosts the appeal of working from Louisiana.
- Increased mobility leads to higher wages due to elevated bargaining power.
  - For example, physicians saw a $11,238 increase in income after joining their compact.

Who Benefits?

| Social Workers | • Enhanced license mobility  
|                | • Expanded job opportunities  
|                | • Ability to leverage telehealth across state lines  
|                | • Ability to ensure continuity of care for clients who move |
| Licensing Authorities | • Reduction of administrative burdens  
|                      | • Rapid access to licensee information  
|                      | • Shortened processing times  
|                      | • Interstate cooperation |
| Texans | • Addresses social work workforce shortages  
|        | • Expanded consumer access to clinicians  
|        | • Preserves state sovereignty |
| State Economy | • Streamline regulatory processes to reduce inefficiencies, increase cost savings and attract new workforce professionals.  
|              | • Enhances market access benefits for consumers and professionals. |
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What Is the Social Work Licensure Compact?

The Social Work Licensure Compact allows social workers to practice in multiple states without needing separate licenses. It permits social workers holding bachelor’s, master’s, and clinical licenses to offer services to clients in participating states. The Department of Defense initiated this compact, recognizing the vital services social workers provide and addressing the challenges faced by military families during frequent relocations.

Although initially tailored for military families, this compact extends its benefits to all licensed social workers within the state.

Comparts maintain state-specific license requirements and do not impact state scope of practice

Comparts often attract professionals to rural areas, improving service access for underserved communities.

Texas must pass the Social Work Licensure Compact to address critical needs across state borders, ensure continuity of care, integrate telehealth innovations, and provide flexibility for relocating military families.

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