



The Social Work Interstate Compact: Preparing for Launch in Early 2027

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The Compact is...

A piece of state
Legislation
(which must be passed
exactly as written)

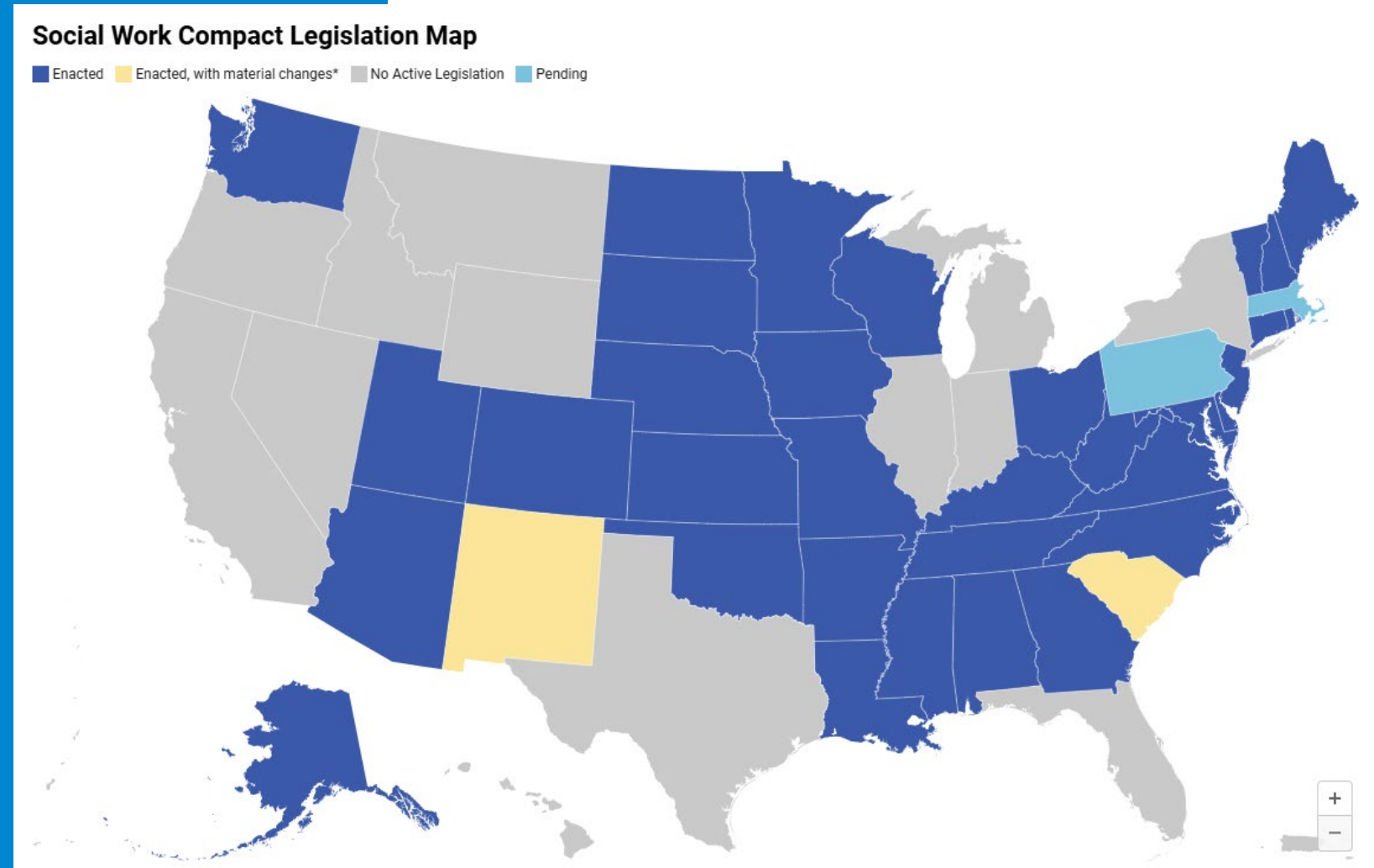
& A contract between
States

**We're
almost there!**



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Access the Compact
through your home state,



follow the
licensing requirements
of your
Home State



and the
Practice laws
in each state you
practice in

Can I access the
Compact
through another
state I'm
licensed in?

NO.

You must be licensed in
your home state (where
you domicile) and
receive a multistate
license through them.

**What if I move,
can I take it with
me?**

NO.

You'll submit a
reissuance application
to your new home state
to continue it.

What will the Multistate License cost?

The fee will be set by
each state.

Just like current
licensing fees, it will vary
by state.

There are **3** categories of **Multistate License...**



Bachelors



Masters



Clinical

**It's up to your home state
to decide what you qualify for!**



What if my state eliminates exam requirements or has alternate pathways?

*Unless you were blanketed in prior to National exams being required (a long time ago)...

You will have to pass an ASWB exam to access a multistate license.

(At least until there are other Nationally recognized options)

Can I still just
get/keep a
license in other
states
individually and
NOT get a
multistate
license?

YES.

What will my new multistate credentials be?

e.g.

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That's TBD – the Commission hasn't decided yet.

**Should I be
worried about
what data is
shared between
states?**

Maybe.

Criminal history and ethics violations will be shared with all states through the data system, and each state gets to decide if it impacts your practice there.

The Compact Commission is currently working on:

- Data system build
- State data system onboarding
- Rulemaking
- Gathering info about alternative gov-issued ID's
- Lots more...



For further info
(and to watch
updates on the
map)...

SWcompact.org

&

<https://www.socialworkers.org/Advocacy/Interstate-Licensure-Compact-for-Social-Work>



State-specific questions, or want to get involved in your State?
Contact your NASW Chapter!

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