

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide legislative intent regarding the North Dakota board of social work  
2 examiners' participation in the development of a social work licensure compact.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT.** It is the  
5 intent of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly that during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,  
6 and ending June 30, 2025, the North Dakota board of social work examiners collaborate with  
7 the council of state governments, other state social work examiner boards, the federal  
8 government, and other interested parties to develop a social work licensure compact to:

- 9 1. Improve public access to social work services through increased use of telehealth  
10 services;
- 11 2. Provide consistent and efficient licensure and reciprocity requirements for licensees in  
12 North Dakota and individuals licensed in other states seeking employment in North  
13 Dakota; and
- 14 3. Reduce workforce shortages and increase behavioral health services available to  
15 North Dakotans.

16 The North Dakota board of social work examiners shall report to the legislative  
17 management by July 1, 2024, regarding the status of a social work licensure compact and  
18 provide recommendations for consideration by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.