



Lobbying for Social Work Compact

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The Social Work Compact will require a strong lobbying campaign by all CSWA members to pass the state legislatures. We will need to make contact with legislators over the summer to be ready for the next legislative session. Here are the steps that should be followed to get the bill passed.

1. Find out who your state representative and state senators are and how to contact them. You can google “state legislators in [your state]” to find this information.
2. Read all the information in the attachments and be prepared to answer questions about the Compact.
3. Look at the following map to see which states are already considering passage of the Compact - <https://swcompact.org/compact-map/> . If your state is one of these, ask legislators to support the bill.
4. Look at the Counselors map - <https://counselingcompact.org/map/> - to see which 26 states (12 pending) have passed their Compact or are considering it. That will be a good talking point for passing our Compact.
5. Send the Bullet Page and bill with the following message to your legislators:
“I am an LCSW and a constituent. Please consider sponsoring the attached bill to give clinical social workers the ability to form a Compact. This will improve access to mental health treatment by LCSWs in [your state] and across the country. The Compact is already being considered by 10 states. I would like to talk to you further about this campaign. Thanks for your consideration.”
6. Send the Bullet Page to your social work board with the following message:
“I am a licensed clinical social worker in [your state] and would like you to support [your state] becoming a partner in forming a Social Work Compact. Your support will be crucial to the passage of this bill. I would be happy to talk with you further about this effort.”
7. Call your legislator’s district offices in a week if you have not heard back from them.
8. Let me know if you have a response from your legislators or your board.

Many thanks,

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