

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 427**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jackson**

February 5, 2025

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An act relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 427, as introduced, Jackson. Social workers.

Existing law establishes the Board of Behavioral Sciences within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and requires the board to regulate, among other professionals, registrants and licensees under the Clinical Social Worker Practice Act.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would include California in the federal Social Work Licensure Compact. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of
- 2 the following:
- 3 (1) The federal Social Work Licensure Compact would allow
- 4 social workers across state lines to work, serve, and advocate for
- 5 their clients, while continuing to adhere to California’s state laws
- 6 and requirements.
- 7 (2) This compact is critical in improving mobility for licensed
- 8 social workers and ensuring that services are delivered efficiently
- 9 and effectively across state boundaries.

- 1 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would include California in the federal Social Work
- 3 Licensure Compact.

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