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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No.: 850

Department or Agency: Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

Rule No.: 850-X-4-.05

Rule Title: Multistate Licensure

Intended Action: New

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? Yes

To what degree?: new licensing fee

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

Rachel Dickinson
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Date

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
Multistate Licensure

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
All views may be submitted to info.socialwork@swb.alabama.gov by 5pm 12/04/2026.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, December 4, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

(1) The Board shall issue a multistate license to persons who meet the qualifications set out in 34-30-100 to 34-30-116.

(a) To be eligible for a multistate license under the terms and provisions of this compact, an applicant, regardless of category, must do all of the following:

(1) Hold or be eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the home state.

(2) Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the multistate license.

(3) Submit, in connection with an application for a multistate license, fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records.

(2) The multistate license for a regulated social worker is subject to the renewal requirements of the home state. The regulated social worker must maintain compliance with the requirements of 850-X-7-.02.

(3) The regulated social worker's services in a remote state are subject to that member state's regulatory authority. A remote state, in accordance with due process and that member state's laws, may remove a regulated social worker's multistate authorization to practice in the remote state for a specific period of time, impose fines, and take any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its residents.

(4) If a multistate license is encumbered, the regulated social worker's multistate authorization to practice shall be deactivated in all remote states until the multistate license is no longer encumbered.

(5) If a multistate authorization to practice is encumbered in a remote state, the regulated social worker's multistate authorization to practice may be deactivated in that state until the multistate authorization to practice is no longer encumbered.

Author: Alabama State Board of Social Work

Statutory Authority: 34-30-1; 34-30-100

History: New Rule: Published _____; effective _____.