



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill: HB 345 - Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact
Hearing Date: January 23, 2025
Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports House Bill 345 - Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact. The bill establishes a licensure compact for social workers. Similar to other licensure compacts, social workers would be authorized to practice in all Compact member states under a multistate licensure.

We are facing a crisis with the shortage of behavioral health professions in Maryland, as 21 of 24 jurisdictions have a mental health professional shortage area. Licensure compacts and other reciprocity arrangements will increase access for Marylanders by allowing health professionals, including social workers, from other states to provide in-person or telehealth services.

LCPCM urges the Committee to give HB 345 a FAVORABLE Report. Please contact Andrea Mansfield at amansfield@maniscanning.com or (410)562-1617 if we can provide additional information.