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# **Sectional Analysis**

## House Bill 110 (34-LS0258\N)

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Throughout this sectional analysis, "the Board" refers to the Board of Social Work Examiners (BSWE), an existing board (AS 08.95.010) responsible for regulating the current social work industry.

- **Section 1** Expands the duties of the BSWE by authorizing the Board to promulgate regulations necessary to implement the compact. It also empowers the Board to appoint one of its members to serve as Alaska's representative on the National Social Work Licensure Compact Commission.
- Sections 2/3 Clarify that individuals certified under the multistate authorization of the Social Work Compact are not considered in violation of licensing requirements under the existing authorization structure. This aligns with the multitrack approach to certification.
- **Sections 4/5** Preserve the current licensing-by-credential pathway to maximize workforce flexibility and maintain multiple options for licensure.
- **Section 6** Introduces the boilerplate language required for a state to become a member of the National Social Work Licensure Compact Commission. (A detailed sectional analysis is provided in a separate document and will be reviewed during invited expert testimony.)
- **Section 7** Adds terms unique to the compact's boilerplate language to the definitions section of the Alaska Statutes (AS 08.95.990).
- **Section 8** Authorizes the state to conduct a national criminal history record check as part of the applicant vetting process for certification.