## One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen** 

**Committee: Health and Human Services** 

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB822 amends sections 28-327, 38-2101, 38-2116, 38-2139, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and section 38-2139. LB822 allows Nebraska to join the Social Work Licensure Compact. The compact eases licensure hurdles for licensed social workers entering the state to practice in Nebraska through granting a multi-state license and a shared database between Compact member states for background checks. Military spouses and others licensed in this profession who have moved to Nebraska will be able to enter the workforce sooner.

**Senator Carol Blood**