

# SENATE BILL 234

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**

3 FOR the purpose of entering into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; stating the  
4 purpose of the Compact; requiring a physician to meet certain eligibility  
5 requirements to receive certain licensure; requiring physicians to designate a certain  
6 state as the state of principal license for purposes of registration for certain expedited  
7 licensure; authorizing a physician to redesignate a state of principal licensure under  
8 certain circumstances; authorizing the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact  
9 Commission to develop rules to facilitate redesignation; establishing requirements  
10 for application, issuance, fees, and renewal of certain expedited licenses; establishing  
11 the Interstate Commission to administer the Compact; requiring the Interstate  
12 Commission to establish a database of certain physicians and applicants; requiring  
13 member boards to report certain information relating to certain public action or  
14 complaints against certain licensed physicians to the Interstate Commission;  
15 authorizing certain joint investigations; establishing requirements for certain  
16 disciplinary action; establishing the duties and finance powers of the Interstate  
17 Commission; providing for the organization and operation of the Interstate  
18 Commission; requiring the Interstate Commission to establish certain rules;  
19 providing for certain executive, legislative, and judicial oversight of the Compact;  
20 requiring the Interstate Commission to enforce certain provisions and rules of the  
21 Compact; establishing certain default procedures and requirements for dispute  
22 resolution; providing that certain states are eligible to become member states of the  
23 Compact; establishing procedures for amending the Compact; establishing certain  
24 requirements for withdrawal by member states from the Compact; providing for the  
25 dissolution of the Compact under certain circumstances; making the provisions of  
26 the Compact severable and providing for the application of the Compact; providing  
27 for the binding effect of the Compact and other laws; defining certain terms; and  
28 generally relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

29 BY adding to  
30 Article – Health Occupations

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 14-3A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3A. Interstate Medical  
2 Licensure Compact"  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
6 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Health Occupations**

8 **SUBTITLE 3A. INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT.**

9 **14-3A-01.**

10 **THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT IS ENACTED INTO LAW AND**  
11 **ENTERED INTO WITH ALL OTHER STATES LEGALLY JOINING IN IT IN THE FORM**  
12 **SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:**

13 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

14 **IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, AND IN RECOGNITION**  
15 **OF THE ADVANCES IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE, THE MEMBER STATES OF THE**  
16 **INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT HAVE ALLIED IN COMMON PURPOSE**  
17 **TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS THAT COMPLEMENTS THE EXISTING**  
18 **LICENSING AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS, AND**  
19 **PROVIDES A STREAMLINED PROCESS THAT ALLOWS PHYSICIANS TO BECOME**  
20 **LICENSED IN MULTIPLE STATES, THEREBY ENHANCING THE PORTABILITY OF A**  
21 **MEDICAL LICENSE AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS. THE COMPACT**  
22 **CREATES ANOTHER PATHWAY FOR LICENSURE AND DOES NOT OTHERWISE CHANGE**  
23 **A STATE'S EXISTING MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT. THE COMPACT ALSO ADOPTS THE**  
24 **PREVAILING STANDARD FOR LICENSURE AND AFFIRMS THAT THE PRACTICE OF**  
25 **MEDICINE OCCURS WHERE THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME OF THE**  
26 **PHYSICIAN-PATIENT ENCOUNTER, AND THEREFORE REQUIRES THE PHYSICIAN TO**  
27 **BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD WHERE THE PATIENT**  
28 **IS LOCATED. STATE MEDICAL BOARDS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPACT RETAIN**  
29 **THE JURISDICTION TO IMPOSE AN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A LICENSE TO**  
30 **PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THAT STATE ISSUED TO A PHYSICIAN THROUGH THE**  
31 **PROCEDURES IN THE COMPACT.**

32 **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

33 **IN THIS COMPACT:**

34 **(A) "BYLAWS" MEANS THOSE BYLAWS ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERSTATE**

1 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 11 FOR ITS GOVERNANCE, OR FOR DIRECTING  
2 AND CONTROLLING ITS ACTIONS AND CONDUCT.

3 (B) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED  
4 BY EACH MEMBER BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.

5 (C) "CONVICTION" MEANS A FINDING BY A COURT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS  
6 GUILTY OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE THROUGH ADJUDICATION, OR ENTRY OF A PLEA  
7 OF GUILT OR NO CONTEST TO THE CHARGE BY THE OFFENDER. EVIDENCE OF AN  
8 ENTRY OF A CONVICTION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE BY THE COURT SHALL BE  
9 CONSIDERED FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY A MEMBER BOARD.

10 (D) "EXPEDITED LICENSE" MEANS A FULL AND UNRESTRICTED MEDICAL  
11 LICENSE GRANTED BY A MEMBER STATE TO AN ELIGIBLE PHYSICIAN THROUGH THE  
12 PROCESS SET FORTH IN THE COMPACT.

13 (E) "INTERSTATE COMMISSION" MEANS THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION  
14 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.

15 (F) "LICENSE" MEANS AUTHORIZATION BY A STATE FOR A PHYSICIAN TO  
16 ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, WHICH WOULD BE UNLAWFUL WITHOUT  
17 THE AUTHORIZATION.

18 (G) "MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT" MEANS THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
19 GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF ALLOPATHIC AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WITHIN  
20 A MEMBER STATE.

21 (H) "MEMBER BOARD" MEANS A STATE AGENCY IN A MEMBER STATE THAT  
22 ACTS IN THE SOVEREIGN INTERESTS OF THE STATE BY PROTECTING THE PUBLIC  
23 THROUGH LICENSURE, REGULATION, AND EDUCATION OF PHYSICIANS AS DIRECTED  
24 BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

25 (I) "MEMBER STATE" MEANS A STATE THAT HAS ENACTED THE COMPACT.

26 (J) "OFFENSE" MEANS A FELONY, GROSS MISDEMEANOR, OR CRIME OF  
27 MORAL TURPITUDE.

28 (K) "PHYSICIAN" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO:

29 (1) IS A GRADUATE OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCREDITED BY THE  
30 LIAISON COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION, THE COMMISSION ON  
31 OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE ACCREDITATION, OR A MEDICAL SCHOOL LISTED IN THE  
32 INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORY OR ITS EQUIVALENT;

1           **(2) PASSED EACH COMPONENT OF THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL**  
2 **LICENSING EXAMINATION (USMLE) OR THE COMPREHENSIVE OSTEOPATHIC**  
3 **MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION (COMLEX-USA) WITHIN THREE ATTEMPTS,**  
4 **OR ANY OF ITS PREDECESSOR EXAMINATIONS ACCEPTED BY A STATE MEDICAL**  
5 **BOARD AS AN EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE PURPOSES;**

6           **(3) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
7 **APPROVED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL**  
8 **EDUCATION OR THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION;**

9           **(4) HOLDS SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION OR A TIME-UNLIMITED**  
10 **SPECIALTY CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL**  
11 **SPECIALTIES OR THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION'S BUREAU OF**  
12 **OSTEOPATHIC SPECIALISTS;**

13           **(5) POSSESSES A FULL AND UNRESTRICTED LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN**  
14 **THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE ISSUED BY A MEMBER BOARD;**

15           **(6) HAS NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR RECEIVED ADJUDICATION,**  
16 **DEFERRED ADJUDICATION, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, OR DEFERRED DISPOSITION**  
17 **FOR ANY OFFENSE BY A COURT OF APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION;**

18           **(7) HAS NEVER HELD A LICENSE AUTHORIZING THE PRACTICE OF**  
19 **MEDICINE SUBJECTED TO DISCIPLINE BY A LICENSING AGENCY IN ANY STATE,**  
20 **FEDERAL, OR FOREIGN JURISDICTION, EXCLUDING ANY ACTION RELATED TO**  
21 **NONPAYMENT OF FEES RELATED TO A LICENSE;**

22           **(8) HAS NEVER HAD A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LICENSE OR PERMIT**  
23 **SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY A STATE OR THE UNITED STATES DRUG**  
24 **ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION; AND**

25           **(9) IS NOT UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION BY A LICENSING AGENCY**  
26 **OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY IN ANY STATE, FEDERAL, OR FOREIGN**  
27 **JURISDICTION.**

28           **(L) "PRACTICE OF MEDICINE" MEANS THE CLINICAL PREVENTION,**  
29 **DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT OF HUMAN DISEASE, INJURY, OR CONDITION**  
30 **REQUIRING A PHYSICIAN TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A LICENSE IN COMPLIANCE**  
31 **WITH THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF A MEMBER STATE.**

32           **(M) "RULE" MEANS A WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE INTERSTATE**  
33 **COMMISSION PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 THAT IS OF GENERAL**

1 APPLICABILITY, IMPLEMENTS, INTERPRETS, OR PRESCRIBES A POLICY OR  
2 PROVISION OF THE COMPACT, OR AN ORGANIZATIONAL, PROCEDURAL, OR  
3 PRACTICE REQUIREMENT OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, AND HAS THE FORCE  
4 AND EFFECT OF STATUTORY LAW IN A MEMBER STATE, AND INCLUDES THE  
5 AMENDMENT, REPEAL, OR SUSPENSION OF AN EXISTING RULE.

6 (N) "STATE" MEANS ANY STATE, COMMONWEALTH, DISTRICT, OR  
7 TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

8 (O) "STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE" MEANS A MEMBER STATE WHERE A  
9 PHYSICIAN HOLDS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND THAT HAS BEEN  
10 DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY THE PHYSICIAN FOR PURPOSES OF REGISTRATION AND  
11 PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT.

## 12 SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

13 (A) A PHYSICIAN MUST MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS DEFINED  
14 IN SECTION 2(K) TO RECEIVE AN EXPEDITED LICENSE UNDER THE TERMS AND  
15 PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT.

16 (B) A PHYSICIAN WHO DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
17 2(K) MAY OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN A MEMBER STATE IF THE  
18 INDIVIDUAL COMPLIES WITH ALL LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS, OTHER THAN THE  
19 COMPACT, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN  
20 THAT STATE.

## 21 SECTION 4. DESIGNATION OF STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE

22 (A) A PHYSICIAN SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER STATE AS THE STATE OF  
23 PRINCIPAL LICENSE FOR PURPOSES OF REGISTRATION FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE  
24 THROUGH THE COMPACT IF THE PHYSICIAN POSSESSES A FULL AND UNRESTRICTED  
25 LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THAT STATE, AND THE STATE IS:

26 (1) THE STATE OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE FOR THE PHYSICIAN;

27 (2) THE STATE WHERE AT LEAST 25% OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE  
28 OCCURS;

29 (3) THE LOCATION OF THE PHYSICIAN'S EMPLOYER; OR

30 (4) IF NO STATE QUALIFIES UNDER ITEMS (1), (2), OR (3), THE STATE  
31 DESIGNATED AS STATE OF RESIDENCE FOR PURPOSE OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX.

1           **(B) A PHYSICIAN MAY REDESIGNATE A MEMBER STATE AS STATE OF**  
2 **PRINCIPAL LICENSE AT ANY TIME, AS LONG AS THE STATE MEETS THE**  
3 **REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (A).**

4           **(C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP RULES TO**  
5 **FACILITATE REDESIGNATION OF ANOTHER MEMBER STATE AS THE STATE OF**  
6 **PRINCIPAL LICENSE.**

7 **SECTION 5. APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF EXPEDITED LICENSURE**

8           **(A) A PHYSICIAN SEEKING LICENSURE THROUGH THE COMPACT SHALL**  
9 **FILE AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED LICENSE WITH THE MEMBER BOARD OF**  
10 **THE STATE SELECTED BY THE PHYSICIAN AS THE STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE.**

11           **(B) (1) ON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED LICENSE,**  
12 **THE MEMBER BOARD WITHIN THE STATE SELECTED AS THE STATE OF PRINCIPAL**  
13 **LICENSE SHALL EVALUATE WHETHER THE PHYSICIAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR EXPEDITED**  
14 **LICENSURE AND ISSUE A LETTER OF QUALIFICATION, VERIFYING OR DENYING THE**  
15 **PHYSICIAN'S ELIGIBILITY, TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.**

16           **(2) STATIC QUALIFICATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE VERIFICATION OF**  
17 **MEDICAL EDUCATION, GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION, RESULTS OF ANY MEDICAL**  
18 **OR LICENSING EXAMINATION, AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE**  
19 **INTERSTATE COMMISSION THROUGH RULE, MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL**  
20 **PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION WHERE ALREADY PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFIED BY**  
21 **THE STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE.**

22           **(3) (I) THE MEMBER BOARD WITHIN THE STATE SELECTED AS THE**  
23 **STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE SHALL, IN THE COURSE OF VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY,**  
24 **PERFORM A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK OF AN APPLICANT AS REQUIRED**  
25 **UNDER § 14-308.1 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING THE USE OF THE RESULTS OF**  
26 **FINGERPRINT OR OTHER BIOMETRIC DATA CHECKS COMPLIANT WITH THE**  
27 **REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WITH THE**  
28 **EXCEPTION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE SUITABILITY DETERMINATION IN**  
29 **ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. C.F.R. § 731.202.**

30           **(II) THE MEMBER BOARD MAY NOT DISCLOSE TO THE**  
31 **INTERSTATE COMMISSION ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL**  
32 **BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION THAT IS PROVIDED IN A BACKGROUND CHECK OF AN**  
33 **APPLICANT PERFORMED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.**

34           **(4) AN APPEAL ON THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY SHALL BE**  
35 **MADE TO THE MEMBER STATE WHERE THE APPLICATION WAS FILED AND SHALL BE**

1 SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF THAT STATE.

2 (C) ON VERIFICATION IN SUBSECTION (B), PHYSICIANS ELIGIBLE FOR AN  
3 EXPEDITED LICENSE SHALL COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS ESTABLISHED  
4 BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION TO RECEIVE A LICENSE IN A MEMBER STATE  
5 SELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A), INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY  
6 APPLICABLE FEES.

7 (D) AFTER RECEIVING VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUBSECTION  
8 (B) AND ANY FEES UNDER SUBSECTION (C), A MEMBER BOARD SHALL ISSUE AN  
9 EXPEDITED LICENSE TO THE PHYSICIAN. THIS LICENSE SHALL AUTHORIZE THE  
10 PHYSICIAN TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE ISSUING STATE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
11 MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT AND ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
12 ISSUING MEMBER BOARD AND MEMBER STATE.

13 (E) AN EXPEDITED LICENSE SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD CONSISTENT  
14 WITH THE LICENSURE PERIOD IN THE MEMBER STATE AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS  
15 REQUIRED FOR OTHER PHYSICIANS HOLDING A FULL AND UNRESTRICTED LICENSE  
16 WITHIN THE MEMBER STATE.

17 (F) AN EXPEDITED LICENSE OBTAINED THROUGH THE COMPACT SHALL BE  
18 TERMINATED IF A PHYSICIAN FAILS TO MAINTAIN A LICENSE IN THE STATE OF  
19 PRINCIPAL LICENSE FOR A NONDISCIPLINARY REASON, WITHOUT REDESIGNATION  
20 OF A NEW STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE.

21 (G) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP RULES  
22 REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF ANY APPLICABLE  
23 FEES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXPEDITED LICENSE.

## 24 SECTION 6. FEES FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE

25 (A) A MEMBER STATE ISSUING AN EXPEDITED LICENSE AUTHORIZING THE  
26 PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THAT STATE MAY IMPOSE A FEE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED  
27 OR RENEWED THROUGH THE COMPACT.

28 (B) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP RULES  
29 REGARDING FEES FOR EXPEDITED LICENSES.

## 30 SECTION 7. RENEWAL AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

31 (A) A PHYSICIAN SEEKING TO RENEW AN EXPEDITED LICENSE GRANTED IN  
32 A MEMBER STATE SHALL COMPLETE A RENEWAL PROCESS WITH THE INTERSTATE  
33 COMMISSION IF THE PHYSICIAN:

1           (1) MAINTAINS A FULL AND UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IN A STATE OF  
2 PRINCIPAL LICENSE;

3           (2) HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF OR RECEIVED ADJUDICATION,  
4 DEFERRED ADJUDICATION, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, OR DEFERRED DISPOSITION  
5 FOR ANY OFFENSE BY A COURT OF APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION;

6           (3) HAS NOT HAD A LICENSE AUTHORIZING THE PRACTICE OF  
7 MEDICINE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE BY A LICENSING AGENCY IN ANY STATE,  
8 FEDERAL, OR FOREIGN JURISDICTION, EXCLUDING ANY ACTION RELATED TO  
9 NONPAYMENT OF FEES RELATED TO A LICENSE; AND

10          (4) HAS NOT HAD A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LICENSE OR PERMIT  
11 SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY A STATE OR THE UNITED STATES DRUG  
12 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

13          (B) PHYSICIANS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
14 DEVELOPMENT OR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
15 RENEWAL OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY A MEMBER STATE.

16          (C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL COLLECT ANY RENEWAL FEES  
17 CHARGED FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AND DISTRIBUTE THE FEES TO THE  
18 APPLICABLE MEMBER BOARD.

19          (D) ON RECEIPT OF ANY RENEWAL FEES COLLECTED IN SUBSECTION (C), A  
20 MEMBER BOARD SHALL RENEW THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE.

21          (E) PHYSICIAN INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE INTERSTATE  
22 COMMISSION DURING THE RENEWAL PROCESS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL  
23 MEMBER BOARDS.

24          (F) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP RULES TO  
25 ADDRESS RENEWAL OF LICENSES OBTAINED THROUGH THE COMPACT.

## 26 SECTION 8. COORDINATED INFORMATION SYSTEM

27          (A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A DATABASE OF ALL  
28 PHYSICIANS LICENSED, OR WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR LICENSURE, UNDER SECTION 5.

29          (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, MEMBER BOARDS  
30 SHALL REPORT TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ANY PUBLIC ACTION OR  
31 COMPLAINTS AGAINST A LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO HAS APPLIED OR RECEIVED AN



1 EXPEDITED LICENSE THROUGH THE COMPACT.

2 (C) MEMBER BOARDS SHALL REPORT DISCIPLINARY OR INVESTIGATORY  
3 INFORMATION DETERMINED AS NECESSARY AND PROPER BY RULE OF THE  
4 INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

5 (D) MEMBER BOARDS MAY REPORT ANY NONPUBLIC COMPLAINT,  
6 DISCIPLINARY, OR INVESTIGATORY INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
7 (C) TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

8 (E) MEMBER BOARDS SHALL SHARE COMPLAINT OR DISCIPLINARY  
9 INFORMATION ABOUT A PHYSICIAN ON REQUEST OF ANOTHER MEMBER BOARD.

10 (F) ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION OR  
11 DISTRIBUTED BY MEMBER BOARDS SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL, FILED UNDER SEAL,  
12 AND USED ONLY FOR INVESTIGATORY OR DISCIPLINARY MATTERS.

13 (G) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP RULES  
14 FOR MANDATED OR DISCRETIONARY SHARING OF INFORMATION BY MEMBER  
15 BOARDS.

## 16 SECTION 9. JOINT INVESTIGATIONS

17 (A) LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY RECORDS OF PHYSICIANS ARE DEEMED  
18 INVESTIGATIVE.

19 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO A MEMBER BOARD BY ITS  
20 RESPECTIVE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OR OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAW, A  
21 MEMBER BOARD MAY PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER MEMBER BOARDS IN JOINT  
22 INVESTIGATIONS OF PHYSICIANS LICENSED BY THE MEMBER BOARDS.

23 (C) A SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A MEMBER STATE SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE IN  
24 OTHER MEMBER STATES.

25 (D) MEMBER BOARDS MAY SHARE ANY INVESTIGATIVE, LITIGATION, OR  
26 COMPLIANCE MATERIALS IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY JOINT OR INDIVIDUAL  
27 INVESTIGATION INITIATED UNDER THE COMPACT.

28 (E) ANY MEMBER STATE MAY INVESTIGATE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED  
29 VIOLATIONS OF THE STATUTES AUTHORIZING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN ANY  
30 OTHER MEMBER STATE IN WHICH A PHYSICIAN HOLDS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
31 MEDICINE.

**1 SECTION 10. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**2 (A) ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY ANY MEMBER BOARD AGAINST A  
3 PHYSICIAN LICENSED THROUGH THE COMPACT SHALL BE DEEMED  
4 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE BY OTHER  
5 MEMBER BOARDS, IN ADDITION TO ANY VIOLATION OF THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT  
6 OR REGULATIONS IN THAT STATE.**

**7 (B) IF A LICENSE GRANTED TO A PHYSICIAN BY THE MEMBER BOARD IN THE  
8 STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE IS REVOKED, SURRENDERED OR RELINQUISHED IN  
9 LIEU OF DISCIPLINE, OR SUSPENDED, THEN ALL LICENSES ISSUED TO THE  
10 PHYSICIAN BY MEMBER BOARDS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE PLACED, WITHOUT  
11 FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY BY ANY MEMBER BOARD, ON THE SAME STATUS. IF  
12 THE MEMBER BOARD IN THE STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE SUBSEQUENTLY  
13 REINSTATES THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, A LICENSE ISSUED TO THE PHYSICIAN BY  
14 ANY OTHER MEMBER BOARD SHALL REMAIN ENCUMBERED UNTIL THAT RESPECTIVE  
15 MEMBER BOARD TAKES ACTION TO REINSTATE THE LICENSE IN A MANNER  
16 CONSISTENT WITH THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF THAT STATE.**

**17 (C) IF DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST A PHYSICIAN BY A MEMBER  
18 BOARD NOT IN THE STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE, ANY OTHER MEMBER BOARD MAY  
19 DEEM THE ACTION CONCLUSIVE AS TO MATTER OF LAW AND FACT DECIDED, AND:**

**20 (1) IMPOSE THE SAME OR LESSER SANCTION(S) AGAINST THE  
21 PHYSICIAN SO LONG AS SUCH SANCTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE MEDICAL  
22 PRACTICE ACT OF THAT STATE; OR**

**23 (2) PURSUE SEPARATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE  
24 PHYSICIAN UNDER ITS RESPECTIVE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, REGARDLESS OF THE  
25 ACTION TAKEN IN OTHER MEMBER STATES.**

**26 (D) IF A LICENSE GRANTED TO A PHYSICIAN BY A MEMBER BOARD IS  
27 REVOKED, SURRENDERED OR RELINQUISHED IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE, OR  
28 SUSPENDED, THEN ANY LICENSE(S) ISSUED TO THE PHYSICIAN BY ANY OTHER  
29 MEMBER BOARD(S) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, AUTOMATICALLY AND IMMEDIATELY  
30 WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY BY THE OTHER MEMBER BOARD(S), FOR  
31 NINETY (90) DAYS ON ENTRY OF THE ORDER BY THE DISCIPLINING BOARD, TO  
32 PERMIT THE MEMBER BOARD(S) TO INVESTIGATE THE BASIS FOR THE ACTION  
33 UNDER THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF THAT STATE. A MEMBER BOARD SHALL  
34 WAIVE THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE IT ISSUED UNLESS THE  
35 MEMBER BOARD:**

**36 (1) FINDS THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE**

1 IMPERATIVELY REQUIRES EMERGENCY ACTION; AND

2 (2) PROMPTLY GIVES THE LICENSEE:

3 (I) WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE SUSPENSION, THE FINDING, AND  
4 THE REASONS THAT SUPPORT THE FINDING; AND

5 (II) AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

6 SECTION 11. INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT  
7 COMMISSION

8 (A) THE MEMBER STATES HEREBY CREATE THE “INTERSTATE MEDICAL  
9 LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION”.

10 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS THE  
11 ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT, WHICH IS  
12 A DISCRETIONARY STATE FUNCTION.

13 (C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE A BODY CORPORATE AND  
14 JOINT AGENCY OF THE MEMBER STATES AND SHALL HAVE ALL THE  
15 RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS, AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THE COMPACT, AND SUCH  
16 ADDITIONAL POWERS AS MAY BE CONFERRED ON IT BY A SUBSEQUENT  
17 CONCURRENT ACTION OF THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES OF THE MEMBER STATES  
18 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT.

19 (D) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF TWO VOTING  
20 REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY EACH MEMBER STATE WHO SHALL SERVE AS  
21 COMMISSIONERS. IN STATES WHERE ALLOPATHIC AND OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS  
22 ARE REGULATED BY SEPARATE MEMBER BOARDS, OR IF THE LICENSING AND  
23 DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY IS SPLIT BETWEEN MULTIPLE MEMBER BOARDS WITHIN  
24 A MEMBER STATE, THE MEMBER STATE SHALL APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE  
25 FROM EACH MEMBER BOARD. A COMMISSIONER SHALL BE:

26 (1) AN ALLOPATHIC OR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN APPOINTED TO A  
27 MEMBER BOARD;

28 (2) AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, OR SIMILAR  
29 EXECUTIVE OF A MEMBER BOARD; OR

30 (3) A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC APPOINTED TO A MEMBER BOARD.

31 (E) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH

1 CALENDAR YEAR. A PORTION OF THIS MEETING SHALL BE A BUSINESS MEETING TO  
2 ADDRESS SUCH MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION,  
3 INCLUDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CALL  
4 ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND SHALL CALL FOR A MEETING ON THE REQUEST OF A  
5 MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER STATES.

6 (F) THE BYLAWS MAY PROVIDE FOR MEETINGS OF THE INTERSTATE  
7 COMMISSION TO BE CONDUCTED BY TELECOMMUNICATION OR ELECTRONIC  
8 COMMUNICATION.

9 (G) EACH COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATING AT A MEETING OF THE  
10 INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE. A MAJORITY OF  
11 COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF  
12 BUSINESS, UNLESS A LARGER QUORUM IS REQUIRED BY THE BYLAWS OF THE  
13 INTERSTATE COMMISSION. A COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT DELEGATE A VOTE TO  
14 ANOTHER COMMISSIONER. IN THE ABSENCE OF ITS COMMISSIONER, A MEMBER  
15 STATE MAY DELEGATE VOTING AUTHORITY FOR A SPECIFIED MEETING TO ANOTHER  
16 PERSON FROM THAT STATE WHO SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION  
17 (D).

18 (H) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ALL  
19 MEETINGS AND ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE INTERSTATE  
20 COMMISSION MAY CLOSE A MEETING, IN FULL OR IN PORTION, WHERE IT  
21 DETERMINES BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT THAT AN  
22 OPEN MEETING WOULD BE LIKELY TO:

23 (1) RELATE SOLELY TO THE INTERNAL PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND  
24 PROCEDURES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION;

25 (2) DISCUSS MATTERS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE  
26 BY FEDERAL STATUTE;

27 (3) DISCUSS TRADE SECRETS OR COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL  
28 INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL;

29 (4) INVOLVE ACCUSING A PERSON OF A CRIME, OR FORMALLY  
30 CENSURING A PERSON;

31 (5) DISCUSS INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL NATURE WHERE  
32 DISCLOSURE WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF  
33 PERSONAL PRIVACY;

34 (6) DISCUSS INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS COMPILED FOR LAW

1 ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES; OR

2 (7) SPECIFICALLY RELATE TO THE PARTICIPATION IN A CIVIL ACTION  
3 OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING.

4 (I) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP MINUTES THAT SHALL  
5 FULLY DESCRIBE ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED IN A MEETING AND SHALL PROVIDE A  
6 FULL AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN, INCLUDING RECORD OF ANY  
7 ROLL CALL VOTES.

8 (J) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE ITS INFORMATION AND  
9 OFFICIAL RECORDS, TO THE EXTENT NOT OTHERWISE DESIGNATED IN THE  
10 COMPACT OR BY ITS RULES, AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR INSPECTION.

11 (K) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE  
12 COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND OTHERS AS  
13 DETERMINED BY THE BYLAWS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE  
14 POWER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, WITH THE  
15 EXCEPTION OF RULEMAKING, DURING PERIODS WHEN THE INTERSTATE  
16 COMMISSION IS NOT IN SESSION. WHEN ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE INTERSTATE  
17 COMMISSION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION  
18 OF THE COMPACT INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
19 PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, ITS BYLAWS AND RULES, AND OTHER SUCH DUTIES  
20 AS NECESSARY.

21 (L) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH OTHER COMMITTEES  
22 FOR GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT.

23 SECTION 12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION

24 THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE DUTY AND POWER TO:

25 (1) OVERSEE AND MAINTAIN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
26 COMPACT;

27 (2) PROMULGATE RULES THAT SHALL BE BINDING TO THE EXTENT  
28 AND IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN THE COMPACT;

29 (3) ISSUE, ON THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER STATE OR MEMBER  
30 BOARD, ADVISORY OPINIONS CONCERNING THE MEANING OR INTERPRETATION OF  
31 THE COMPACT, ITS BYLAWS, RULES, AND ACTIONS;

32 (4) ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH COMPACT PROVISIONS, THE RULES

1 PROMULGATED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, AND THE BYLAWS, USING ALL  
2 NECESSARY AND PROPER MEANS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OF  
3 JUDICIAL PROCESS;

4 (5) ESTABLISH AND APPOINT COMMITTEES INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
5 LIMITED TO, AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 11, WHICH  
6 SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IN  
7 CARRYING OUT ITS POWERS AND DUTIES;

8 (6) PAY, OR PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES RELATED  
9 TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF THE  
10 INTERSTATE COMMISSION;

11 (7) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE OFFICES;

12 (8) BORROW, ACCEPT, HIRE, OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF  
13 PERSONNEL;

14 (9) PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN INSURANCE AND BONDS;

15 (10) EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL HAVE SUCH  
16 POWERS TO EMPLOY, SELECT OR APPOINT EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR CONSULTANTS,  
17 AND TO DETERMINE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DEFINE THEIR DUTIES, AND FIX THEIR  
18 COMPENSATION;

19 (11) ESTABLISH PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO  
20 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RATES OF COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF  
21 PERSONNEL;

22 (12) ACCEPT DONATIONS AND GRANTS OF MONEY, EQUIPMENT,  
23 SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES, AND TO RECEIVE, UTILIZE, AND DISPOSE OF  
24 IT IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES  
25 ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION;

26 (13) LEASE, PURCHASE, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS OF,  
27 OR OTHERWISE TO OWN, HOLD, IMPROVE OR USE, ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL,  
28 OR MIXED;

29 (14) SELL, CONVEY, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, LEASE, EXCHANGE,  
30 ABANDON, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED;

31 (15) ESTABLISH A BUDGET AND MAKE EXPENDITURES;

1           **(16) ADOPT A SEAL AND BYLAWS GOVERNING THE MANAGEMENT AND**  
2 **OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION;**

3           **(17) REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURES AND GOVERNORS OF**  
4 **THE MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERSTATE**  
5 **COMMISSION DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR. SUCH REPORTS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE**  
6 **REPORTS OF FINANCIAL AUDITS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY HAVE**  
7 **BEEN ADOPTED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION;**

8           **(18) COORDINATE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**  
9 **REGARDING THE COMPACT, ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND ITS OPERATION;**

10           **(19) MAINTAIN RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS;**

11           **(20) SEEK AND OBTAIN TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND PATENTS;**  
12 **AND**

13           **(21) PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR**  
14 **APPROPRIATE TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT.**

### 15 **SECTION 13. FINANCE POWERS**

16           **(A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY LEVY ON AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL**  
17 **ASSESSMENT FROM EACH MEMBER STATE TO COVER THE COST OF THE OPERATIONS**  
18 **AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF. THE TOTAL**  
19 **ASSESSMENT MUST BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVED**  
20 **EACH YEAR FOR WHICH REVENUE IS NOT PROVIDED BY OTHER SOURCES. THE**  
21 **AGGREGATE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AMOUNT SHALL BE ALLOCATED ON A FORMULA**  
22 **TO BE DETERMINED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, WHICH SHALL PROMULGATE**  
23 **A RULE BINDING ON ALL MEMBER STATES.**

24           **(B) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL NOT INCUR OBLIGATIONS OF ANY**  
25 **KIND PRIOR TO SECURING THE FUNDS ADEQUATE TO MEET THE SAME.**

26           **(C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PLEDGE THE CREDIT OF ANY**  
27 **OF THE MEMBER STATES, EXCEPT BY, AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF, THE MEMBER**  
28 **STATE.**

29           **(D) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A YEARLY**  
30 **FINANCIAL AUDIT CONDUCTED BY A CERTIFIED OR LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**  
31 **AND THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF**  
32 **THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.**

1 **SECTION 14. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE**  
2 **COMMISSION**

3 (A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL, BY A MAJORITY OF  
4 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AND VOTING, ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS CONDUCT  
5 AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE  
6 COMPACT WITHIN TWELVE (12) MONTHS OF THE FIRST INTERSTATE COMMISSION  
7 MEETING.

8 (B) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT OR APPOINT ANNUALLY  
9 FROM AMONG ITS COMMISSIONERS A CHAIRPERSON, A VICE-CHAIRPERSON, AND A  
10 TREASURER, EACH OF WHOM SHALL HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY AND DUTIES AS MAY BE  
11 SPECIFIED IN THE BYLAWS. THE CHAIRPERSON, OR IN THE CHAIRPERSON'S  
12 ABSENCE OR DISABILITY, THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL  
13 MEETINGS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

14 (C) OFFICERS SELECTED IN SUBSECTION (B) SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
15 REMUNERATION FROM THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

16 (D) (1) THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE INTERSTATE  
17 COMMISSION SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM SUIT AND LIABILITY, EITHER PERSONALLY  
18 OR IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY, FOR A CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF  
19 PROPERTY OR PERSONAL INJURY OR OTHER CIVIL LIABILITY CAUSED OR ARISING  
20 OUT OF, OR RELATING TO, AN ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION THAT  
21 OCCURRED, OR THAT SUCH PERSON HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING  
22 OCCURRED, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT,  
23 DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSON SHALL NOT BE  
24 PROTECTED FROM SUIT OR LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY, OR LIABILITY  
25 CAUSED BY THE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT OF SUCH  
26 PERSON.

27 (2) THE LIABILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES  
28 OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERSTATE  
29 COMMISSION, ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SUCH PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT OR  
30 DUTIES FOR ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS OCCURRING WITHIN SUCH PERSON'S  
31 STATE, MAY NOT EXCEED THE LIMITS OF LIABILITY SET FORTH UNDER THE  
32 CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THAT STATE FOR STATE OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND  
33 AGENTS. THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN  
34 INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY SUCH ACTION.  
35 NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROTECT SUCH PERSON  
36 FROM SUIT OR LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY, OR LIABILITY CAUSED BY THE  
37 INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT OF SUCH PERSON.



1           **(3) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL DEFEND THE EXECUTIVE**  
2 **DIRECTOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY**  
3 **GENERAL OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE MEMBER STATE**  
4 **REPRESENTED BY AN INTERSTATE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, SHALL DEFEND**  
5 **SUCH INTERSTATE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE IN ANY CIVIL ACTION SEEKING**  
6 **TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF AN ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR**  
7 **OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION**  
8 **EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD A**  
9 **REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INTERSTATE**  
10 **COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED THAT THE**  
11 **ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM**  
12 **INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF SUCH**  
13 **PERSON.**

14           **(4) TO THE EXTENT NOT COVERED BY THE STATE INVOLVED, MEMBER**  
15 **STATE, OR THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, THE REPRESENTATIVES OR EMPLOYEES**  
16 **OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE HELD HARMLESS IN THE AMOUNT OF A**  
17 **SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, OBTAINED**  
18 **AGAINST SUCH PERSONS ARISING OUT OF AN ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR**  
19 **OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION**  
20 **EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT SUCH PERSONS HAD A**  
21 **REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF INTERSTATE**  
22 **COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED THAT THE**  
23 **ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM**  
24 **INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL AND WANTON MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF SUCH**  
25 **PERSONS.**

26 **SECTION 15. RULEMAKING FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE**  
27 **COMMISSION**

28           **(A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE REASONABLE**  
29 **RULES IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF**  
30 **THE COMPACT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IN THE EVENT THE**  
31 **INTERSTATE COMMISSION EXERCISES ITS RULEMAKING AUTHORITY IN A MANNER**  
32 **THAT IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT, OR THE POWERS**  
33 **GRANTED HEREUNDER, THEN SUCH AN ACTION BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION**  
34 **SHALL BE INVALID AND HAVE NO FORCE OR EFFECT.**

35           **(B) RULES DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE**  
36 **INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO A RULEMAKING PROCESS**  
37 **THAT SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORMS TO THE "MODEL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE**  
38 **PROCEDURE ACT" OF 2010, AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO.**

1           **(C) NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER A RULE IS PROMULGATED,**  
2 **ANY PERSON MAY FILE A PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE RULE IN THE**  
3 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR THE**  
4 **FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL**  
5 **OFFICES, PROVIDED THAT THE FILING OF SUCH A PETITION SHALL NOT STAY OR**  
6 **OTHERWISE PREVENT THE RULE FROM BECOMING EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE COURT**  
7 **FINDS THAT THE PETITIONER HAS A SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS. THE**  
8 **COURT SHALL GIVE DEFERENCE TO THE ACTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION**  
9 **CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND SHALL NOT FIND THE RULE TO BE**  
10 **UNLAWFUL IF THE RULE REPRESENTS A REASONABLE EXERCISE OF THE AUTHORITY**  
11 **GRANTED TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.**

## 12 **SECTION 16. OVERSIGHT OF INTERSTATE COMPACT**

13           **(A) THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF STATE**  
14 **GOVERNMENT IN EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL ENFORCE THE COMPACT AND SHALL**  
15 **TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE**  
16 **COMPACT'S PURPOSES AND INTENT. THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT AND THE**  
17 **RULES PROMULGATED HEREUNDER SHALL HAVE STANDING AS STATUTORY LAW**  
18 **BUT SHALL NOT OVERRIDE EXISTING STATE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE**  
19 **PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.**

20           **(B) ALL COURTS SHALL TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF THE COMPACT AND THE**  
21 **RULES IN ANY JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IN A MEMBER STATE**  
22 **PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE COMPACT THAT MAY AFFECT THE**  
23 **POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, OR ACTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.**

24           **(C) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ALL**  
25 **SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY SUCH PROCEEDING, AND SHALL HAVE STANDING TO**  
26 **INTERVENE IN THE PROCEEDING FOR ALL PURPOSES. FAILURE TO PROVIDE**  
27 **SERVICE OF PROCESS TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL RENDER A**  
28 **JUDGMENT OR AN ORDER VOID AS TO THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, THE**  
29 **COMPACT, OR PROMULGATED RULES.**

## 30 **SECTION 17. ENFORCEMENT OF INTERSTATE COMPACT**

31           **(A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF ITS**  
32 **DISCRETION, SHALL ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS AND RULES OF THE COMPACT.**

33           **(B) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE**  
34 **COMMISSIONERS, INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT**  
35 **COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE**  
36 **INTERSTATE COMMISSION, IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE INTERSTATE**

1 COMMISSION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES, TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
2 PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, AND ITS PROMULGATED RULES AND BYLAWS,  
3 AGAINST A MEMBER STATE IN DEFAULT. THE RELIEF SOUGHT MAY INCLUDE BOTH  
4 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGES. IN THE EVENT JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT IS  
5 NECESSARY, THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH  
6 LITIGATION INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.

7 (C) THE REMEDIES HEREIN SHALL NOT BE THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES OF  
8 THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION. THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY AVAIL ITSELF  
9 OF ANY OTHER REMEDIES AVAILABLE UNDER STATE LAW OR THE REGULATION OF A  
10 PROFESSION.

## 11 SECTION 18. DEFAULT PROCEDURES

12 (A) THE GROUNDS FOR DEFAULT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO,  
13 FAILURE OF A MEMBER STATE TO PERFORM SUCH OBLIGATIONS OR  
14 RESPONSIBILITIES IMPOSED ON IT BY THE COMPACT, OR THE RULES AND BYLAWS  
15 OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION PROMULGATED UNDER THE COMPACT.

16 (B) IF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT A MEMBER STATE  
17 HAS DEFAULTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES  
18 UNDER THE COMPACT, OR THE BYLAWS OR PROMULGATED RULES, THE INTERSTATE  
19 COMMISSION SHALL:

20 (1) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DEFAULTING STATE AND  
21 OTHER MEMBER STATES, OF THE NATURE OF THE DEFAULT, THE MEANS OF CURING  
22 THE DEFAULT, AND ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION. THE  
23 INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS BY WHICH THE  
24 DEFAULTING STATE MUST CURE ITS DEFAULT; AND

25 (2) PROVIDE REMEDIAL TRAINING AND SPECIFIC TECHNICAL  
26 ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE DEFAULT.

27 (C) IF THE DEFAULTING STATE FAILS TO CURE THE DEFAULT, THE  
28 DEFAULTING STATE SHALL BE TERMINATED FROM THE COMPACT ON AN  
29 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND ALL RIGHTS,  
30 PRIVILEGES, AND BENEFITS CONFERRED BY THE COMPACT SHALL TERMINATE ON  
31 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION. A CURE OF THE DEFAULT DOES NOT  
32 RELIEVE THE OFFENDING STATE OF OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES INCURRED  
33 DURING THE PERIOD OF THE DEFAULT.

34 (D) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPACT SHALL BE IMPOSED  
35 ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER MEANS OF SECURING COMPLIANCE HAVE BEEN

1 EXHAUSTED. NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE  
2 INTERSTATE COMMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY  
3 LEADERS OF THE DEFAULTING STATE'S LEGISLATURE, AND EACH OF THE MEMBER  
4 STATES.

5 (E) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH RULES AND  
6 PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS LICENSES AND PHYSICIANS THAT ARE MATERIALLY  
7 IMPACTED BY THE TERMINATION OF A MEMBER STATE, OR THE WITHDRAWAL OF A  
8 MEMBER STATE.

9 (F) THE MEMBER STATE THAT HAS BEEN TERMINATED IS RESPONSIBLE  
10 FOR ALL DUES, OBLIGATIONS, AND LIABILITIES INCURRED THROUGH THE  
11 EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION INCLUDING OBLIGATIONS, THE PERFORMANCE  
12 OF WHICH EXTENDS BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION.

13 (G) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY NOT BEAR ANY COSTS RELATING TO  
14 ANY STATE THAT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE IN DEFAULT OR THAT HAS BEEN  
15 TERMINATED FROM THE COMPACT, UNLESS OTHERWISE MUTUALLY AGREED ON IN  
16 WRITING BETWEEN THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION AND THE DEFAULTING STATE.

17 (H) THE DEFAULTING STATE MAY APPEAL THE ACTION OF THE INTERSTATE  
18 COMMISSION BY PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
19 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE INTERSTATE  
20 COMMISSION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES. THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE  
21 AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S  
22 FEES.

## 23 SECTION 19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

24 (A) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL ATTEMPT, ON THE REQUEST OF  
25 A MEMBER STATE, TO RESOLVE DISPUTES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE COMPACT AND  
26 THAT MAY ARISE AMONG MEMBER STATES OR MEMBER BOARDS.

27 (B) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES  
28 PROVIDING FOR BOTH MEDIATION AND BINDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION AS  
29 APPROPRIATE.

## 30 SECTION 20. MEMBER STATES, EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENT

31 (A) ANY STATE IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A MEMBER STATE OF THE  
32 COMPACT.

33 (B) THE COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING ON

1 LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT OF THE COMPACT INTO LAW BY NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7)  
2 STATES. THEREAFTER, IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING ON A STATE ON  
3 ENACTMENT OF THE COMPACT INTO LAW BY THAT STATE.

4 (C) THE GOVERNORS OF NONMEMBER STATES, OR THEIR DESIGNEES,  
5 SHALL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERSTATE  
6 COMMISSION ON A NONVOTING BASIS PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE COMPACT BY ALL  
7 STATES.

8 (D) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE  
9 COMPACT FOR ENACTMENT BY THE MEMBER STATES. NO AMENDMENT SHALL  
10 BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING ON THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION AND THE  
11 MEMBER STATES UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS ENACTED INTO LAW BY UNANIMOUS  
12 CONSENT OF THE MEMBER STATES.

### 13 SECTION 21. WITHDRAWAL

14 (A) ONCE EFFECTIVE, THE COMPACT SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE AND  
15 REMAIN BINDING ON EACH AND EVERY MEMBER STATE; PROVIDED THAT A MEMBER  
16 STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE COMPACT BY SPECIFICALLY REPEALING THE  
17 STATUTE THAT ENACTED THE COMPACT INTO LAW.

18 (B) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPACT SHALL BE BY THE ENACTMENT OF A  
19 STATUTE REPEALING THE SAME, BUT MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL ONE (1) YEAR  
20 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH STATUTE AND UNTIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE  
21 WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE WITHDRAWING STATE TO THE GOVERNOR OF  
22 EACH OTHER MEMBER STATE.

23 (C) THE WITHDRAWING STATE SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE  
24 CHAIRPERSON OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IN WRITING ON THE  
25 INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION REPEALING THE COMPACT IN THE WITHDRAWING  
26 STATE.

27 (D) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY THE OTHER MEMBER  
28 STATES OF THE WITHDRAWING STATE'S INTENT TO WITHDRAW WITHIN SIXTY (60)  
29 DAYS OF ITS RECEIPT OF NOTICE PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C).

30 (E) THE WITHDRAWING STATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DUES,  
31 OBLIGATIONS, AND LIABILITIES INCURRED THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
32 WITHDRAWAL, INCLUDING OBLIGATIONS, THE PERFORMANCE OF WHICH EXTEND  
33 BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

34 (F) REINSTATEMENT FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF A MEMBER STATE

1 SHALL OCCUR ON THE WITHDRAWING STATE REENACTING THE COMPACT OR ON  
2 SUCH LATER DATE AS DETERMINED BY THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

3 (G) THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP RULES TO  
4 ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF A MEMBER STATE ON LICENSES  
5 GRANTED IN OTHER MEMBER STATES TO PHYSICIANS WHO DESIGNATED THE  
6 WITHDRAWING MEMBER STATE AS THE STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE.

## 7 SECTION 22. DISSOLUTION

8 (A) THE COMPACT SHALL DISSOLVE EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THE  
9 WITHDRAWAL OR DEFAULT OF THE MEMBER STATE THAT REDUCES THE  
10 MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPACT TO ONE (1) MEMBER STATE.

11 (B) ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMPACT, THE COMPACT BECOMES  
12 NULL AND VOID AND SHALL BE OF NO FURTHER FORCE OR EFFECT, AND THE  
13 BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION SHALL BE CONCLUDED  
14 AND SURPLUS FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS.

## 15 SECTION 23. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

16 (A) THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE, AND IF ANY  
17 PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, OR PROVISION IS DEEMED UNENFORCEABLE, THE  
18 REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE.

19 (B) THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED  
20 TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES.

21 (C) NOTHING IN THE COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE  
22 APPLICABILITY OF OTHER INTERSTATE COMPACTS TO WHICH THE STATES ARE  
23 MEMBERS.

## 24 SECTION 24. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS

25 (A) NOTHING HEREIN PREVENTS THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OTHER LAW  
26 OF A MEMBER STATE THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPACT.

27 (B) ALL LAWS IN A MEMBER STATE IN CONFLICT WITH THE COMPACT ARE  
28 SUPERSEDED TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.

29 (C) ALL LAWFUL ACTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION, INCLUDING  
30 ALL RULES AND BYLAWS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION, ARE BINDING ON THE  
31 MEMBER STATES.

1           **(D) ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION AND THE**  
2 **MEMBER STATES ARE BINDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TERMS.**

3           **(E) IN THE EVENT ANY PROVISION OF THE COMPACT EXCEEDS THE**  
4 **CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS IMPOSED ON THE LEGISLATURE OF ANY MEMBER STATE,**  
5 **SUCH PROVISION SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT WITH**  
6 **THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION IN QUESTION IN THAT MEMBER STATE.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
8 1, 2018.