

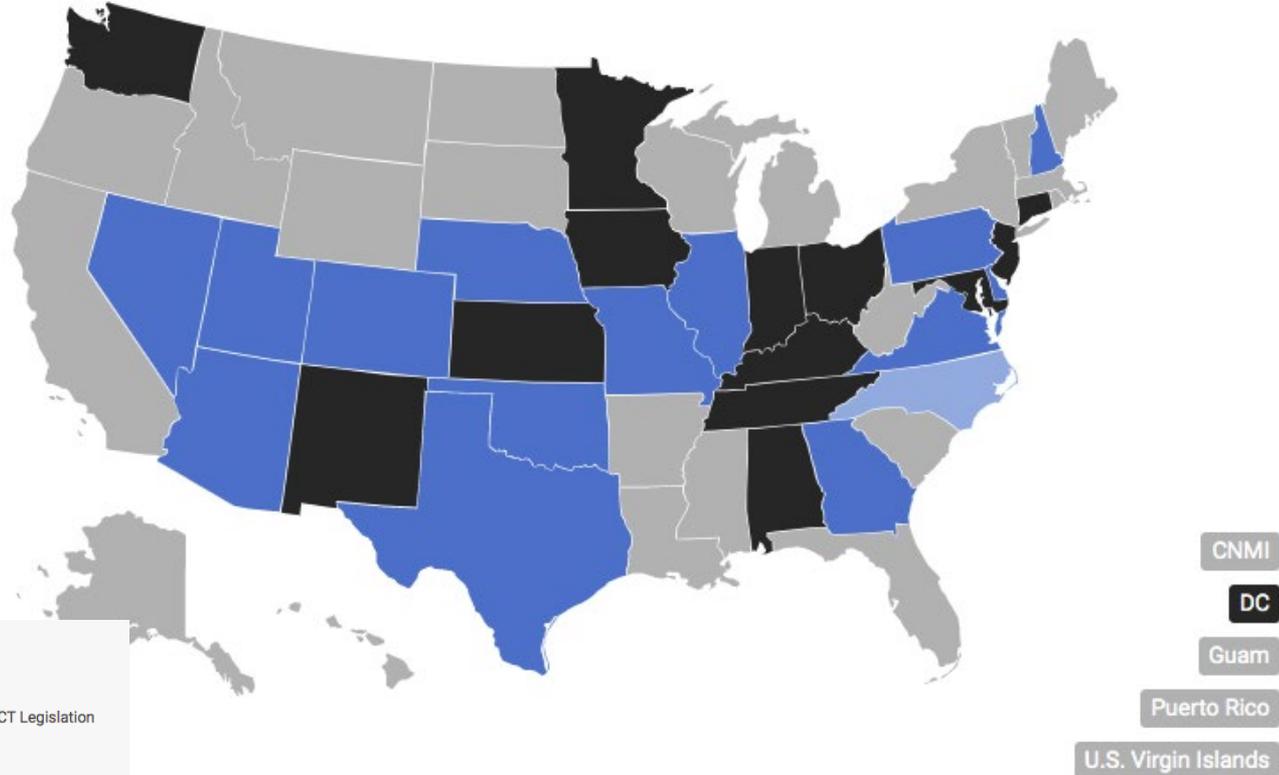
HB 970

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

What does HB 970 do?

- Adds Maryland to the PSYPACT interstate compact (14 states currently participating, 2 more come online in March 2021)
 - **DC, PA, DE, and VA are currently members**
- Allows Maryland licensed, **doctoral-level psychologists** to practice telehealth into other PSYPACT States
- Allows **doctoral-level psychologists** from other PSYPACT states to practice telehealth into Maryland.
- Allows licensed, **doctoral-level psychologists** to conduct 30 days per year of **in-person treatment** in other PSYPACT states
- Clearly specifies which states' laws supersede in different circumstances
- Clearly specifies how disciplinary action will occur in the event of a complaint

14 states currently successfully participate in PSYPACT with no reported problems. **Two (2)** more (No. Carolina and DC) come online next month. **14** states, including Maryland, have introduced PSYPACT in 2021.



Required Credentials for Licensure in Maryland and for credentialing by PSYPACT are the same

Both require:

- **Doctoral degree**
- **from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association, the Canadian Psychological Association Maryland, or is listed/designated as a psychology program by the National Register**

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Maryland Health Occupations Article Title 18: Psychologists, Subtitle 1. Definitions:

“**Doctoral degree in psychology** means...a degree received from a program that at the time the degree was awarded...**is accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Canadian Psychological Association; or...is listed in the designated doctoral program published by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or...a doctoral degree in psychology that the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology determines meets its criteria for the doctoral degree in psychology...**”

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HB 970 requires an E.Passport and/or an IPC to practice via PSYPACT (see HB 970, p. 9, lines 14-16 and p. 10, line 30; and p.12, lines 1-3 and p.13, line 18)

E.Passport and IPC Educational Requirements: “Must have a doctoral degree in psychology from an institution of higher education that was, at the time the degree was awarded: (1) accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Canadian Psychological Association, or designated as a psychology program by the Joint Designation Committee of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and the National Register of Health Service Psychologists...”

Will PSYPACT allow a psychologist with anything other than a doctoral degree to practice into Maryland?

- No.
- PSYPACT's licensing requirements are **as strict or stricter** than Maryland's licensing requirements.

Thank you

My colleagues and I are happy to answer any questions.