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DATE: April 1, 2026
BILL NO: Senate Bill 333
BILL TITLE: Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact
COMMITTEE: House Health
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Department of Commerce (Commerce) supports Senate Bill 333 - Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact.

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 333 improves license portability for podiatric medical licenses by establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact. The Compact would require member states to share necessary information with each other, to establish a process for applicants to obtain a home state license, and to grant equivalent licenses to licensees with home state licenses from other member states. The bill would also establish the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to maintain the Compact, provide ways for member states to oversee the Compact and resolve disputes, and provide ways to amend or withdraw from the Compact.

Background:

The Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact (IPMLC) is a joint initiative that started in 2023. Applicants from other states must hold a full, unrestricted license in a "state of principal license," have graduated from an accredited podiatric school, completed a residency, passed national boards, and have no significant disciplinary history. These requirements are already in line with Maryland's standards and thus would make it easy for Maryland to join the Compact. As of 2025 there are 18 medical specialty licensure compacts in existence with more in development including the IPMLC. Maryland is currently one of four states with proposed legislation to participate in the IPMLC.

Rationale:

Passage of this bill will improve access to licensure and license portability for podiatric physicians. The Compact will be an addition to several existing compacts improving license portability across several occupations. License portability is very important to the military community and may affect future Department of Defense (DoD) basing decisions. In FY 2021, Maryland's military installations contributed \$61.4B to our economy in payroll and expenditures. With 72% of military families living off-base in our communities, this bill will ease the employment of military families and contribute to the overall quality of life for all Marylanders by increasing access to licensed podiatric physicians. In addition to license portability, DoD strongly encourages states to adopt interstate compacts for occupational licensure. Passage of SB 333 will keep Maryland competitive as a military familyfriendly state and generally for license portability.

Commerce respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 333.