



1 allied in common purpose to develop a comprehensive process that  
2 complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of  
3 state medical boards and provides a streamlined process that  
4 allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states, thereby  
5 enhancing the portability of a medical license and ensuring the  
6 safety of patients. The compact creates another pathway for  
7 licensure and does not otherwise change a state's existing  
8 medical practice act. The compact also adopts the prevailing  
9 standard for licensure and affirms that the practice of medicine  
10 occurs where the patient is located at the time of the  
11 physician-patient encounter, and therefore, requires the  
12 physician to be under the jurisdiction of the state medical  
13 board where the patient is located. State medical boards that  
14 participate in the compact retain the jurisdiction to impose an  
15 adverse action against a license to practice medicine in that  
16 state issued to a physician through the procedures in the  
17 compact.

## 18 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

19 In this compact:

20 (a) "Bylaws" means those bylaws established by the  
21 interstate commission pursuant to section 11.



1 (b) "Commissioner" means the voting representative  
2 appointed by each member board pursuant to section 11.

3 (c) "Conviction" means a finding by a court that an  
4 individual is guilty of a criminal offense through adjudication,  
5 or entry of a plea of guilt or no contest to the charge by the  
6 offender. Evidence of an entry of a conviction of a criminal  
7 offense by the court shall be considered final for purposes of  
8 disciplinary action by a member board.

9 (d) "Expedited license" means a full and unrestricted  
10 medical license granted by a member state to an eligible  
11 physician through the process set forth in the compact.

12 (e) "Interstate commission" means the interstate  
13 commission created pursuant to section 11.

14 (f) "License" means authorization by a member state for a  
15 physician to engage in the practice of medicine, which would be  
16 unlawful without authorization.

17 (g) "Medical practice act" means laws and regulations  
18 governing the practice of allopathic and osteopathic medicine  
19 within a member state.

20 (h) "Member board" means a state agency in a member state  
21 that acts in the sovereign interests of the state by protecting



1 the public through licensure, regulation, and education of  
2 physicians as directed by the state government.

3 (i) "Member state" means a state that has enacted the  
4 compact.

5 (j) "Practice of medicine" means that clinical prevention,  
6 diagnosis, or treatment of human disease, injury, or condition  
7 requiring a physician to obtain and maintain a license in  
8 compliance with the medical practice act of a member state.

9 (k) "Physician" means any person who:

10 (1) Is a graduate of a medical school accredited by the  
11 Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Commission  
12 on Osteopathic College Accreditation, or a medical  
13 school listed in the International Medical Education  
14 Directory or its equivalent;

15 (2) Passed each component of the United State Medical  
16 Licensing Examination (USMLE) or the Comprehensive  
17 Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA)  
18 within three attempts, or any of its predecessor  
19 examinations accepted by a state medical board as an  
20 equivalent examination for licensure purposes;



- 1 (3) Successfully completed graduate medical education  
2 approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate  
3 Medical Education or the American Osteopathic  
4 Association;
- 5 (4) Holds specialty certification or a time-unlimited  
6 specialty certificate recognized by the American Board  
7 of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic  
8 Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists;
- 9 (5) Possesses a full and unrestricted license to engage in  
10 the practice of medicine issued by a member board;
- 11 (6) Has never been convicted, received adjudication,  
12 deferred adjudication, community supervision, or  
13 deferred disposition for any offense by a court of  
14 appropriate jurisdiction;
- 15 (7) Has never held a license authorizing the practice of  
16 medicine subjected to discipline by a licensing agency  
17 in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction,  
18 excluding any action related to non-payment of fees  
19 related to a license;



1 (8) Has never had a controlled substance license or permit  
2 suspended or revoked by a state or the United States  
3 Drug Enforcement Administration; and

4 (9) Is not under active investigation by a licensing  
5 agency or law enforcement authority in any state,  
6 federal, or foreign jurisdiction.

7 (l) "Offense" means a felony, gross misdemeanor, or crime  
8 of moral turpitude.

9 (m) "Rule" means a written statement by the interstate  
10 commission promulgated pursuant to section 12 of the compact  
11 that is of general applicability, implements, interprets, or  
12 prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an  
13 organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the  
14 interstate commission, and has the force and effect of statutory  
15 law in a member state, and includes the amendment, repeal, or  
16 suspension of an existing rule.

17 (n) "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or  
18 territory of the United States.

19 (o) "State of principal license" means a member state  
20 where a physician holds a license to practice medicine and which



1 has been designated as such by the physician for purposes of  
2 registration and participation in the compact.

3 **SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY**

4 (a) A physician must meet the eligibility requirements as  
5 defined in section 2(k) to receive an expedited license under  
6 the terms and provisions of the compact.

7 (b) A physician who does not meet the requirements of  
8 section 2(k) may obtain a license to practice medicine in a  
9 member state if the individual complies with all laws and  
10 requirements, other than the compact, relating to the issuance  
11 of a license to practice medicine in that state.

12 **SECTION 4. DESIGNATION OF STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSE**

13 (a) A physician shall designate a member state as the  
14 state of principal license for purposes of registration for  
15 expedited licensure through the compact if the physician  
16 possesses a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine  
17 in that state, and the state is:

- 18 (1) The state of principal residence for the physician;  
19 (2) The state where at least twenty five per cent of the  
20 practice of medicine occurs;  
21 (3) The location of the physician's employer; or



1 (4) If no state qualifies under paragraphs (1), (2), or  
2 (3), the state designated as state of residence for  
3 purpose of federal income tax.

4 (b) A physician may redesignate a member state as state of  
5 principal license at any time, as long as the state meets the  
6 requirements of subsection (a).

7 (c) The interstate commission is authorized to develop  
8 rules to facilitate redesignation of another member state as the  
9 state of principal license.

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

11 (a) A physician seeking licensure through the compact  
12 shall file an application for an expedited license with the  
13 member board of the state selected by the physician as the state  
14 of principal license.

15 (b) Upon receipt of an application for an expedited  
16 license, the member board within the state selected as the state  
17 of principal license shall evaluate whether the physician is  
18 eligible for expedited licensure and issue a letter of  
19 qualification, verifying or denying the physician's eligibility,  
20 to the interstate commission.





- 1           (1) Static qualifications, which include verification of  
2           medical education, graduate medical education, results  
3           of any medical or licensing examination, and other  
4           qualifications as determined by the interstate  
5           commission through rule, shall not be subject to  
6           additional primary source verification where already  
7           primary source verified by the state of principal  
8           license.
- 9           (2) The member board within the state selected as the  
10          state of principal license shall, in the course of  
11          verifying eligibility, perform a criminal background  
12          check of an applicant, including the use of the  
13          results of fingerprint or other biometric data checks  
14          compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau  
15          of Investigation, with the exception of federal  
16          employees who have suitability determination in  
17          accordance with title 5 Code of Federal Regulations  
18          section 731.202.
- 19          (3) Appeal on the determination of eligibility shall be  
20          made to the member state where the application was  
21          filed and shall be subject to the law of that state.



1 (c) Upon verification in subsection (b), physicians  
2 eligible for an expedited license shall complete the  
3 registration process established by the interstate commission to  
4 receive a license in a member state selected pursuant to  
5 subsection (a), including the payment of any applicable fees.

6 (d) After receiving verification of eligibility under  
7 subsection (b) and any fees under subsection (c), a member board  
8 shall issue an expedited license to the physician. This license  
9 shall authorize the physician to practice medicine in the  
10 issuing state consistent with the medical practice act and all  
11 applicable laws and regulations of the issuing member board and  
12 member state.

13 (e) An expedited license shall be valid for a period  
14 consistent with the licensure period in the member state and in  
15 the same manner as required for other physicians holding a full  
16 and unrestricted license within the member state.

17 (f) An expedited license obtained through the compact  
18 shall be terminated if a physician fails to maintain a license  
19 in the state of principal licensure for a non-disciplinary  
20 reason, without redesignation of a new state of principal  
21 licensure.



1 (g) The interstate commission is authorized to develop  
2 rules regarding the application process, including payment of  
3 any applicable fees, and the issuance of an expedited license.

4 **SECTION 6. FEES FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE**

5 (a) A member state issuing an expedited license  
6 authorizing the practice of medicine in that state may impose a  
7 fee for a license issued or renewed through the compact.

8 (b) The interstate commission is authorized to develop  
9 rules regarding fees for expedited licenses.

10 **SECTION 7. RENEWAL AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION**

11 (a) A physician seeking to renew an expedited license  
12 granted in a member state shall complete a renewal process with  
13 the interstate commission if the physician:

14 (1) Maintains a full and unrestricted license in a state  
15 of principal license;

16 (2) Has not been convicted, received adjudication,  
17 deferred adjudication, community supervision, or  
18 deferred disposition for any offense by a court of  
19 appropriate jurisdiction;

20 (3) Has not had a license authorizing the practice of  
21 medicine subject to discipline by a licensing agency



1 in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction,  
2 excluding any action related to non-payment of fees  
3 related to a license; and

4 (4) Has not had a controlled substance license or permit  
5 suspended or revoked by a state or the United States  
6 Drug Enforcement Administration.

7 (b) Physicians shall comply with all continuing  
8 professional development or continuing medical education  
9 requirements for renewal of a license issued by a member state.

10 (c) The interstate commission shall collect any renewal  
11 fees charged for the renewal of a license and distribute the  
12 fees to the applicable member board.

13 (d) Upon receipt of any renewal fees collected in  
14 subsection (c), a member board shall renew the physician's  
15 license.

16 (e) Physician information collected by the interstate  
17 commission during the renewal process will be distributed to all  
18 member boards.

19 (f) The interstate commission is authorized to develop  
20 rules to address renewal of licenses obtained through the  
21 compact.



1                   **SECTION 8. COORDINATED INFORMATION SYSTEM**

2           (a) The interstate commission shall establish a database  
3 of all physicians licensed, or who have applied for licensure,  
4 under section 5.

5           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, member  
6 boards shall report to the interstate commission any public  
7 action or complaints against a licensed physician who has  
8 applied or received an expedited license through the compact.

9           (c) Member boards shall report disciplinary or  
10 investigatory information determined as necessary and proper by  
11 rule of the interstate commission.

12           (d) Member boards may report any non-public complaint,  
13 disciplinary, or investigatory information not required by  
14 subsection (c) to the interstate commission.

15           (e) Member boards shall share complaint or disciplinary  
16 information about a physician upon request of another member  
17 board.

18           (f) All information provided to the interstate commission  
19 or distributed by member boards shall be confidential, filed  
20 under seal, and used only for investigatory or disciplinary  
21 matters.



1 (g) The interstate commission is authorized to develop  
2 rules for mandated or discretionary sharing of information by  
3 member boards.

4 **SECTION 9. JOINT INVESTIGATIONS**

5 (a) Licensure and disciplinary records of physicians are  
6 deemed investigative.

7 (b) In addition to the authority granted to a member board  
8 by its respective medical practice act or other applicable state  
9 law, a member board may participate with other member boards in  
10 joint investigations of physicians licensed by the member  
11 boards.

12 (c) A subpoena issued by a member state shall be  
13 enforceable in other member states.

14 (d) Member boards may share any investigative, litigation,  
15 or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or  
16 individual investigation initiate under the compact.

17 (e) Any member state may investigate actual or alleged  
18 violations of the statutes authorizing the practice of medicine  
19 in any other member state in which a physician holds a license  
20 to practice medicine.

21 **SECTION 10. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**



1           (a) Any disciplinary action taken by any member board  
2 against a physician licensed through the compact shall be deemed  
3 unprofessional conduct that may be subject to discipline by  
4 other member boards, in addition to any violation of the medical  
5 practice act or regulations in that state.

6           (b) If a license granted to a physician by the member  
7 board in the state of principal license is revoked, surrendered  
8 or relinquished in lieu of discipline, or suspended, then all  
9 licenses issued to the physician by member boards shall  
10 automatically be placed, without further action necessary by any  
11 member board, on the same status. If the member board in the  
12 state of principal license subsequently reinstates the  
13 physician's license, a license issued to the physician by any  
14 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  
18 a member board not in the state of principal license, any other  
19 member board may deem the action conclusive as to matter of law  
20 and fact decided, and:



1 (1) Impose the same or lesser sanction(s) against the  
2 physician so long as such sanctions are consistent  
3 with the medical practice act of that state; or

4 (2) Pursue separate disciplinary action against the  
5 physician under its respective medical practice act,  
6 regardless of the action taken in other member states.

7 (d) If a license granted to a physician by a member board  
8 is revoked, surrendered or relinquished in lieu of discipline,  
9 or suspended, then any license(s) issued to the physician by any  
10 other member board(s) shall be suspended, automatically and  
11 immediately without further action necessary by the other member  
12 board(s), for ninety days upon entry of the order by the  
13 disciplining board, to permit the member board(s) to investigate  
14 the basis for the action under the medical practice act of that  
15 state. A member board may terminate the automatic suspension of  
16 the license it issued prior to the completion of the ninety day  
17 suspension period in a manner consistent with the medical  
18 practice act of that state.

19 **SECTION 11. INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION**

20 (a) The member states hereby create the "Interstate  
21 Medical Licensure Compact Commission".





1           (b) The purpose of the interstate commission is the  
2 administration of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact,  
3 which is a discretionary state function.

4           (c) The interstate commission shall be a body corporate  
5 and joint agency of the member states and shall have all the  
6 responsibilities, powers, and duties set forth in the compact,  
7 and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by a  
8 subsequent concurrent action of the respective legislatures of  
9 the member states in accordance with the terms of the compact.

10          (d) The interstate commission shall consist of two voting  
11 representatives appointed by each member state who shall serve  
12 as commissioners. In states where allopathic and osteopathic  
13 physicians are regulated by separate member boards, or if the  
14 licensing and disciplinary authority is split between separate  
15 member boards, or if the licensing and disciplinary authority is  
16 split between multiple member boards within a member state, the  
17 member state shall appoint one representative from each member  
18 board. A commissioner shall be:

19           (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician appointed to a  
20 member board;



1 (2) An executive director, executive secretary, or similar  
2 executive of a member board; or

3 (3) A member of the public appointed to a member board.

4 (e) The interstate commission shall meet at least once  
5 each calendar year. A portion of this meeting shall be a  
6 business meeting to address such matters as may properly come  
7 before the commission, including the election of officers. The  
8 chairperson may call additional meetings and shall call for a  
9 meeting upon the request of a majority of the member states.

10 (f) The bylaws may provide for meetings of the interstate  
11 commission to be conducted by telecommunication or electronic  
12 communication.

13 (g) Each commissioner participating at a meeting of the  
14 interstate commission is entitled to one vote. A majority of  
15 commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
16 business, unless a larger quorum is required by the bylaws of  
17 the interstate commission. A commissioner shall not delegate a  
18 vote to another commissioner. In the absence of its  
19 commissioner, a member state may delegate voting authority for a  
20 specified meeting to another person from that state who shall  
21 meet the requirements of subsection (d).



1 (h) The interstate commission shall provide public notice  
2 of all meetings and all meetings shall be open to the public.

3 The interstate commission may close a meeting, in full or in  
4 portion, where it determines by a two-thirds vote of the  
5 commissioners present that an open meeting would be likely to:

6 (1) Relate solely to the internal personnel practice and  
7 procedures of the interstate commission;

8 (2) Discuss matters specifically exempted from disclosure  
9 by federal statute;

10 (3) Discuss trade secrets, commercial, or financial  
11 information that is privileged or confidential;

12 (4) Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally  
13 censuring a person;

14 (5) Discuss information of a personal nature where  
15 disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
16 invasion of personal privacy;

17 (6) Discuss investigative records compiled for law  
18 enforcement purposes; or

19 (7) Specifically relate to the participation in a civil  
20 action or other legal proceeding.



1 (i) The interstate commission shall keep minutes that  
2 shall fully describe all matters discussed in a meeting and  
3 shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken,  
4 including record of any roll call votes.

5 (j) The interstate commission shall make its information  
6 and official records, to the extent not otherwise designated in  
7 the compact or by its rules, available to the public for  
8 inspection.

9 (k) The interstate commission shall establish an executive  
10 committee, which shall include officers, members, and others as  
11 determined by the bylaws. The executive committee shall have  
12 the power to act on behalf of the interstate commission, with  
13 the exception of rulemaking, during periods when the interstate  
14 commission is not in session. When acting on behalf of the  
15 interstate commission, the executive committee shall oversee the  
16 administration of the compact, including enforcement and  
17 compliance with the provisions of the compact, its bylaws and  
18 rules, and other such duties as necessary.

19 (l) The interstate commission shall establish other  
20 committees for governance and administration of the compact.

21 **SECTION 12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION**



1 (a) Oversee and maintain the administration of the  
2 compact.

3 (b) Promulgate rules, which shall be binding to the extent  
4 and in the manner provided for in the compact.

5 (c) Issue, upon the request of a member state or member  
6 board, advisory opinions concerning the meaning or  
7 interpretation of the compact, its bylaws, rules, and actions.

8 (d) Enforce compliance with compact provisions, the rules  
9 promulgated by the interstate commission, and the bylaws, using  
10 all necessary and proper means, including but not limited to the  
11 use of judicial process.

12 (e) Establish and appoint committees including, but not  
13 limited to, an executive committee as required by section 11,  
14 which shall have the power to act on behalf of the interstate  
15 commission in carrying out its powers and duties.

16 (f) Pay, or provide for the payment of the expenses  
17 related to the establishment, organization, and ongoing  
18 activities of the interstate commission.

19 (g) Establish and maintain one or more offices.

20 (h) Borrow, accept, hire, or contract for services of  
21 personnel.



- 1           (i) Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds.
- 2           (j) Employ an executive director who shall have such
- 3 powers to employ, select or appoint employees, agents, or
- 4 consultants, and to determine their qualifications, define their
- 5 duties, and fix their compensation.
- 6           (k) Establish personnel policies and programs relating to
- 7 conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, and qualifications
- 8 of personnel.
- 9           (l) Accept donations and grants of money, equipment,
- 10 supplies, materials, and services and to receive, utilize, and
- 11 dispose of it in a manner consistent with the conflict of
- 12 interest policies established by the interstate commission.
- 13           (m) Lease, purchase, accept contributions or donations of,
- 14 or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use, any property, real,
- 15 personal, or mixed.
- 16           (n) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
- 17 abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal,
- 18 or mixed.
- 19           (o) Establish a budget and make expenditures.
- 20           (p) Adopt a seal and bylaws governing the management and
- 21 operation of the interstate commission.



1 (q) Report annually to the legislatures and governors of  
2 the member states concerning the activities of the interstate  
3 commission during the preceding year. Such reports shall also  
4 include reports of financial audits and any recommendations that  
5 may have been adopted by the interstate commission.

6 (r) Coordinate education, training, and public awareness  
7 regarding the compact, its implementation, and its operation.

8 (s) Maintain records in accordance with the bylaws.

9 (t) Seek and obtain trademarks, copyrights, and patents.

10 (u) Perform such functions as may be necessary or  
11 appropriate to achieve the purpose of the compact.

12 **SECTION 13. FINANCE POWERS**

13 (a) The interstate commission may levy on and collect an  
14 annual assessment from each member state to cover the cost of  
15 the operations and activities of the interstate commission and  
16 its staff. The total assessment must be sufficient to cover the  
17 annual budget approved each year for which revenue is not  
18 provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment  
19 amount shall be allocated upon a formula to be determined by the  
20 interstate commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding  
21 upon all member states.



1 (b) The interstate commission shall not incur obligations  
2 of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the  
3 same.

4 (c) The interstate commission shall not pledge the credit  
5 of any of the member states, except by, and with the authority  
6 of, the member state.

7 (d) The interstate commission shall be subject to a yearly  
8 financial audit conducted by a certified or licensed accountant  
9 and the report of the audit shall be included in the annual  
10 report of the interstate commission.

11 **SECTION 14. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE**  
12 **COMMISSION**

13 (a) The interstate commission shall, by a majority of  
14 commissioners present and voting, adopt bylaws to govern its  
15 conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the  
16 purposes of the compact within twelve months of the first  
17 interstate commission meeting.

18 (b) The interstate commission shall elect or appoint  
19 annually from among its Commissioners a chairperson, a vice-  
20 chairperson, and a treasurer, each of whom shall have such  
21 authority and duties as may be specified in the bylaws. The





1 chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence or disability, the  
2 vice-chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the  
3 interstate commission.

4 (c) Officers selected in subsection (b) shall serve  
5 without remuneration for the interstate commission.

6 (d) The officers and employees of the interstate  
7 commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either  
8 personally or in their official capacity, for a claim for damage  
9 to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil  
10 liability caused or arising out of, or relating to, an actual or  
11 alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that such  
12 person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred, within the  
13 scope of interstate commission employment, duties, or  
14 responsibilities; provided that such person shall not be  
15 protected from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury, or  
16 liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton  
17 misconduct of such person.

18 (e) The liability of the executive director and employees  
19 of the interstate commission or representatives of the  
20 interstate commission, acting within the scope of such person's  
21 employment or duties for acts, errors, or omissions occurring



1 within such person's state, may not exceed the limits of  
2 liability set forth under the constitution and laws of that  
3 state for state officials, employees, and agents. The  
4 interstate commission is considered to be an instrumentality of  
5 the states for the purpose of any such action. Nothing in this  
6 subsection shall be construed to protect such person from suit  
7 or liability for damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by  
8 the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of such person.

9 (f) The interstate commission shall defend the executive  
10 director, its employees, and subject to the approval of the  
11 attorney general or other appropriate legal counsel of the  
12 member state represented by an interstate commission  
13 representative, shall defend such interstate commission  
14 representative in any civil action seeking to impose liability  
15 arising out of an actual or alleged act, error, or omission that  
16 occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment,  
17 duties, or responsibilities, or that the defendant had a  
18 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of  
19 interstate commission employment, duties, or responsibilities;  
20 provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did



1 not result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on  
2 the part of such person.

3 (g) To the extent not covered by the state involved,  
4 member state, or the interstate commission, the representatives  
5 or employees of the interstate commission shall be held harmless  
6 in the amount of a settlement or judgement, including attorney's  
7 fees and costs, obtained against such persons arising out of an  
8 actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within  
9 the scope of the interstate commission employment, duties, or  
10 responsibilities, or that such persons had a reasonable basis  
11 for believing occurred within the scope of interstate commission  
12 employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that the  
13 actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from  
14 intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on the part of such  
15 person.

16 **SECTION 15. RULEMAKING FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION**

17 (a) The interstate commission shall promulgate reasonable  
18 rules in order to effectively and efficiently achieve the  
19 purpose of the compact. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the  
20 event the interstate commission exercises its rulemaking  
21 authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes



1 of the compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an  
2 action by the interstate commission shall be invalid and have no  
3 force or effect.

4 (b) Rules deemed appropriate for the operations of the  
5 interstate commission shall be made pursuant to a rulemaking  
6 process that substantially conforms to the Model State  
7 Administrative Procedure Act of 2010, and subsequent amendments  
8 thereto.

9 (c) Not later than thirty days after a rule is  
10 promulgated, any person may file a petition for judicial review  
11 of the rule in the United States District Court for the District  
12 of Columbia or the federal district where the interstate  
13 commission has its principal offices; provided that the filing  
14 of such a petition shall not stay or otherwise prevent the rule  
15 from becoming effective unless the court finds that the  
16 petitioner has a substantial likelihood of success. The court  
17 shall give deference to the actions of the interstate commission  
18 consistent with applicable law and shall not find the rule to be  
19 unlawful if the rule represents a reasonable exercise of the  
20 authority granted to the interstate commission.

21 **SECTION 16. OVERSIGHT OF INTERSTATE COMPACT**



1 (a) The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of  
2 state government in each member state shall enforce the compact  
3 and shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to  
4 effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of  
5 the compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have  
6 standing as statutory law but shall not override existing state  
7 authority to regulate the practice of medicine.

8 (b) All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact  
9 and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a  
10 member state pertaining to the subject matter of the compact  
11 that may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the  
12 interstate commission.

13 (c) The interstate commission shall be entitled to receive  
14 all services of process in any such proceeding, and shall have  
15 standing to intervene in the proceeding for all purposes.  
16 Failure to provide service of process to the interstate  
17 commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the  
18 interstate commission, the compact, or promulgated rules.

19 **SECTION 17. ENFORCEMENT OF INTERSTATE COMPACT**



1 (a) The interstate commission, in the reasonable exercise  
2 of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of the  
3 compact.

4 (b) The interstate commission may, by majority vote of the  
5 commissioners, initiate legal action in the United States Court  
6 for the District of Columbia, or, at the discretion of the  
7 interstate commission, in the federal district where the  
8 interstate commission has its principal offices, to enforce  
9 compliance with the provisions of the compact, and its  
10 promulgated rules and bylaws, against a member state in default.  
11 The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and  
12 damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the  
13 prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation,  
14 including reasonable attorney's fees.

15 (c) The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive  
16 remedies of the interstate commission. The interstate  
17 commission may avail itself of any other remedies available  
18 under state law or regulation of a profession.

19 **SECTION 18. DEFAULT PROCEDURES**

20 (a) The grounds for default include but are not limited to  
21 failure of a member state to perform such obligations or



1 responsibilities imposed upon it by the compact, or the rules  
2 and bylaws of the interstate commission promulgated under the  
3 compact.

4 (b) If the interstate commission determines that a member  
5 state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or  
6 responsibilities under the compact, or the bylaws or promulgated  
7 rules, the interstate commission shall:

8 (1) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and  
9 other member states, of the nature of the default, the  
10 means of curing the default, and any action taken by  
11 the interstate commission. The interstate commission  
12 shall specify the conditions by which the defaulting  
13 state must cure its default; and

14 (2) Provide remedial training and specific technical  
15 assistance regarding the default.

16 (c) If the defaulting state fails to cure the default, the  
17 defaulting state shall be terminated from the compact upon an  
18 affirmative vote of a majority of the commissioners and all  
19 rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by the compact shall  
20 terminate on the effective date of termination. A cure of the



1 default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or  
2 liabilities incurred during the period of the default.

3 (d) Termination of membership in the compact shall be  
4 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have  
5 been exhausted. Notice of intent to terminate shall be given by  
6 the interstate commission to the governor, the majority and  
7 minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each  
8 of the member states.

9 (e) The interstate commission shall establish rules and  
10 procedures to address licenses and physicians that are  
11 materially impacted by the termination of a member state or the  
12 withdrawal of a member state.

13 (f) The member state that has been terminated is  
14 responsible for all dues, obligations, and liabilities incurred  
15 through the effective date of termination including obligations,  
16 the performance of which extends beyond the effective date of  
17 termination.

18 (g) The interstate commission shall not bear any costs  
19 relating to any state that has been found to be in default or  
20 that has been terminated from the compact, unless otherwise





1 mutually agreed upon in writing between the interstate  
2 commission and the defaulting state.

3 (h) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the  
4 interstate commission by petitioning the United States District  
5 Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where  
6 the interstate commission has its principal offices. The  
7 prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation,  
8 including reasonable attorney's fees.

9 **SECTION 19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

10 (a) The interstate commission shall attempt, upon the  
11 request of a member state, to resolve disputes that are subject  
12 to the compact and that may arise among member states or member  
13 boards.

14 (b) The interstate commission shall promulgate rules  
15 providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution, as  
16 appropriate.

17 **SECTION 20. MEMBER STATES, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND AMENDMENT**

18 (a) Any state is eligible to become a member of the  
19 compact.

20 (b) The compact shall become effective and binding upon  
21 legislative enactment of the compact into law by no less than



1 seven states. Thereafter, it shall become effective and binding  
2 on a state upon enactment of the compact into law by that state.

3 (c) The governors of non-member states, or their  
4 designees, shall be invited to participate in the activities of  
5 the interstate commission on a non-voting basis prior to  
6 adoption of the compact by all states.

7 (d) The interstate commission may propose amendments to  
8 the compact for enactment by the member states. No amendment  
9 shall become effective and binding upon the interstate  
10 commission and the member states unless and until it is enacted  
11 into law by unanimous consent of the member states.

#### 12 SECTION 21. WITHDRAWAL

13 (a) Once effective, the compact shall continue in force  
14 and remain binding upon each and every member state; provided  
15 that a member state may withdraw from the compact by  
16 specifically repealing the statute that enacted the compact into  
17 law.

18 (b) Withdrawal from the compact shall be by the enactment  
19 of a statute repealing the same, but shall not take effect until  
20 one year after the effective date of such statute and until



1 written notice of the withdrawal has been given by the  
2 withdrawing state to the governor of each other member state.

3 (c) The withdrawing state shall immediately notify the  
4 chairperson of the interstate commission in writing upon the  
5 introduction of legislation repealing the compact in the  
6 withdrawing state.

7 (d) The interstate commission shall notify the other  
8 member states of the withdrawing state's intent to withdraw  
9 within sixty days of its receipt of notice provided under  
10 subsection (c).

11 (e) The withdrawing state is responsible for all dues,  
12 obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date  
13 of withdrawal, including obligations, the performance of which  
14 extend beyond the effective date of withdrawal.

15 (f) Reinstatement following withdrawal of a member state  
16 shall occur upon the withdrawing date reenacting the compact or  
17 upon such later date as determined by the interstate commission.

18 (g) The interstate commission is authorized to develop  
19 rules to address the impact of the withdrawal of a member state  
20 on licenses granted in other member states to physicians who



1 designated the withdrawing member state as the state of  
2 principal license.

3 **SECTION 22. DISSOLUTION**

4 (a) The compact shall dissolve effective upon the date of  
5 the withdrawal or default of the member state which reduces the  
6 membership of the compact to one member state.

7 (b) Upon the dissolution of the compact, the compact  
8 becomes null and void and shall be of no further force or  
9 effect, and the business and affairs of the interstate  
10 commission shall be concluded, and surplus funds shall be  
11 distributed in accordance with the bylaws.

12 **SECTION 23. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION**

13 (a) The provisions of the compact shall be severable, and  
14 if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision is deemed  
15 unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the compact shall be  
16 enforceable.

17 (b) The provisions of the compact shall be liberally  
18 construed to effectuate its purposes.

19 (c) Nothing in the compact shall be construed to prohibit  
20 the applicability of other interstate compacts to which the  
21 member states are members.



1           **SECTION 24. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS**

2           (a) Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other  
3 law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the compact.

4           (b) All laws in a member state in conflict with the  
5 compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

6           (c) All lawful actions of the interstate commission,  
7 including all rules and bylaws promulgated by the interstate  
8 commission, are binding upon the member states.

9           (d) All agreements between the interstate commission and  
10 the member states are binding in accordance with their terms.

11           (e) In the event any provision of the compact exceeds the  
12 constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member  
13 state, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of the  
14 conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that  
15 member state."

16           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of            full time  
21 equivalent (           FTE) positions within the department of



1 commerce and consumer affairs' professional and vocational  
2 licensing division.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2024-2025 for necessary upgrades to the internal database  
10 of the department of commerce and consumer affairs' professional  
11 and vocational licensing division.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000;  
15 provided that section 1 of this act shall take effect on  
16 June 30, 3001.



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Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; Adoption; Professional and Vocational Licensing Division; Appropriation

**Description:**

Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to create a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards and provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000.  
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