HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT
6	§ -1 Enactment of compact. The Interstate Teacher
7	Mobility Compact is hereby entered into and enacted into law
8	with all jurisdictions legally joining therein, and is in full
9	force and effect between the State and any other state joining
10	therein in accordance with the terms of the compact, which
11	compact is substantially as follows:
12	ARTICLE I
13	PURPOSE
14	The purpose of this compact is to facilitate the mobility
15	of teachers across the member states, with the goal of
16	supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. Through
17	this compact, the member states seek to establish a collective

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1	regulator	y framework that expedites and enhances the ability of						
2	teachers to move across state lines.							
3	This compact is intended to achieve the following							
4	objective	s and should be interpreted accordingly. The member						
5	states hereby ratify the same intentions by subscribing hereto:							
6	(1)	Create a streamlined pathway to licensure mobility for						
7		teachers;						
8	(2)	Support the relocation of eligible military spouses;						
9	(3)	Facilitate and enhance the exchange of licensure,						
10		investigative, and disciplinary information between						
11		the member states;						
12	(4)	Enhance the power of state and district level						
13		education officials to hire qualified, competent						
14		teachers by removing barriers to the employment of						
15		out-of-state teachers;						
16	(5)	Support the retention of teachers in the profession by						
17		removing barriers to relicensure in a new state; and						
18	(6)	Maintain state sovereignty in the regulation of the						
19		teaching profession.						
20		ARTICLE II						
21		DEFINITIONS						



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1 As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided, 2 the following definitions shall govern the terms herein: 3 "Active military member" means any person with full-time duty status in the armed forces of the United States, including 4 5 members of the National Guard and Reserve. 6 "Adverse action" means any limitation or restriction 7 imposed by a member state's licensing authority, such as 8 revocation, suspension, reprimand, probation, or limitation on 9 the licensee's ability to work as a teacher. 10 "Bylaws" means those bylaws established by the commission. "Career and technical education license" means a current, 11 12 valid authorization issued by a member state's licensing 13 authority allowing an individual to serve as a teacher in P-12 14 public educational settings in a specific career and technical education area. 15 "Charter member state" means a member state that has 16 17 enacted legislation to adopt this compact where such legislation 18 predates the initial meeting of the commission after the 19 effective date of the compact. 20 "Commission" means the interstate administrative body which

21 membership consists of delegates of all states that have enacted

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1 this compact, and which is known as the interstate teacher 2 mobility compact commission.

3 "Commissioner" means the delegate of a member state.
4 "Eligible license" means a license to engage in the
5 teaching profession which requires at least a bachelor's degree
6 and the completion of a state approved program for teacher
7 licensure.

8 "Eligible military spouse" means the spouse of any 9 individual in full-time duty status in the active armed forces 10 of the United States, including members of the National Guard 11 and Reserve on active duty moving as a result of a military 12 mission or military career progression requirements or are on 13 their terminal move as a result of separation or retirement, 14 including surviving spouses of deceased military members.

15 "Executive committee" means a group of commissioners
16 elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers
17 granted to them by, the commission as provided for herein.

18 "Licensing authority" means an official, agency, board, or 19 other entity of a state that is responsible for the licensing 20 and regulation of teachers authorized to teach in P-12 public 21 educational settings.

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1	"Member state" means any state that has adopted this
2	compact, including all agencies and officials of such a state.
3	"Receiving state" means any state where a teacher has
4	applied for licensure under this compact.
5	"Rule" means any regulation promulgated by the commission
6	under this compact, which shall have the force of law in each
7	member state.
8	"State" means a state, territory, or possession of the
9	United States, and the District of Columbia.
10	"State practice laws" means a member state's laws, rules,
11	and regulations that govern the teaching profession, define the
12	scope of such profession, and create the methods and grounds for
13	imposing discipline.
14	"State specific requirements" means a requirement for
15	licensure covered in coursework or examination that includes
16	content of unique interest to the state.
17	"Teacher" means an individual who currently holds an
18	authorization from a member state that forms the basis for
19	employment in the P-12 public schools of the state to provide
20	instruction in a specified subject area, grade level, or student
21	population.



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1	"Unencumbered license" means a current, valid authorization
2	issued by a member state's licensing authority allowing an
3	individual to serve as a teacher in P-12 public educational
4	settings. "Unencumbered license" is not a restricted,
5	probationary, provisional, substitute, or temporary credential.
6	ARTICLE III
7	LICENSURE UNDER THE COMPACT
8	(a) Licensure under this compact pertains only to the
9	initial grant of a license by the receiving state. Nothing
10	herein applies to any subsequent or ongoing compliance
11	requirements that a receiving state may require for teachers.
12	(b) Each member state shall, in accordance with the rules
13	of the commission, define, compile, and update as necessary, a
14	list of eligible licenses and career and technical education
15	licenses that the member state is willing to consider for
16	equivalency under this compact and provide the list to the
17	commission. The list shall include those licenses that a
18	receiving state is willing to grant to teachers from other
19	member states, pending a determination of equivalency by the
20	receiving state's licensing authority.



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1 (c) Upon the receipt of an application for licensure by a 2 teacher holding an unencumbered license, the receiving state shall determine which of the receiving state's eligible licenses 3 4 the teacher is qualified to hold and shall grant such a license 5 or licenses to the applicant. Such a determination shall be made in the sole discretion of the receiving state's licensing 6 7 authority and may include a determination that the applicant is 8 not eligible for any of the receiving state's eligible licenses. 9 For all teachers who hold an unencumbered license, the receiving 10 state shall grant one or more unencumbered licenses that, in the 11 receiving state's sole discretion, are equivalent to the licenses held by the teacher in any other member state. 12 13 (d) For active military members and eligible military 14 spouses who hold a license that is not unencumbered, the 15 receiving state shall grant an equivalent license or licenses 16 that, in the receiving state's sole discretion, is equivalent to 17 the license or licenses held by the teacher in any other member 18 state, except where the receiving state does not have an

19 equivalent license.

20 (e) For a teacher holding an unencumbered career and21 technical education license, the receiving state shall grant an



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1	unencumbered license equivalent to the career and technical							
2	education license held by the applying teacher and issued by							
3	another member state, as determined by the receiving state in							
4	its sole discretion, except where a career and technical							
5	education teacher does not hold a bachelor's degree and the							
6	receiving state requires a bachelor's degree for licenses to							
7	teach career and technical education. A receiving state may							
8	require career and technical education teachers to meet state							
9	industry recognized requirements, if required by law in the							
10	receiving state.							
11	ARTICLE IV							
11 12	ARTICLE IV LICENSURE NOT UNDER THE COMPACT							
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1	(c)	For the purposes of determining compensation, a
2	receiving	state may require additional information from teachers
3	receiving	a license under the provisions of this compact.
4	(d)	Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit
5	the power	of a member state to control and maintain ownership of
6	its infor	mation pertaining to teachers or limit the application
7	of a memb	er state's laws or regulations governing the ownership,
8	use, or d	issemination of information pertaining to teachers.
9	(e)	Nothing in this compact shall be construed to
10	invalidat	e or alter any existing agreement or other cooperative
11	arrangeme	nt which a member state may already be a party to, or
12	limit the	ability of a member state to participate in any future
13	agreement	or other cooperative arrangement to:
14	(1)	Award teaching licenses or other benefits based on
15		additional professional credentials, including but not
16		limited to National Board Certification;
17	(2)	Participate in the exchange of names of teachers whose
18		license has been subject to an adverse action by a
19		member state; or
20	(3)	Participate in any agreement or cooperative
21		arrangement with a non-member state.

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1	ARTICLE V
2	TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE
3	COMPACT
4	(a) Except as provided for active military members or
5	eligible military spouses in article III, subsection (d), a
6	teacher may only be eligible to receive a license under this
7	compact where that teacher holds an unencumbered license in a
8	member state.
9	(b) A teacher eligible to receive a license under this
10	compact shall, unless otherwise provided herein:
11	(1) Upon their application to receive a license under this
12	compact, undergo a criminal background check in the
13	receiving state in accordance with the laws and
14	regulations of the receiving state; and
15	(2) Provide the receiving state with information in
16	addition to the information required for licensure for
17	the purposes of determining compensation, if
18	applicable.
19	ARTICLE VI
20	DISCIPLINE AND ADVERSE ACTIONS

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1 (a) Nothing in this compact shall be deemed or construed 2 to limit the authority of a member state to investigate or 3 impose disciplinary measures on teachers according to the state 4 practice laws thereof.

5 (b) Member states shall be authorized to receive, and 6 shall provide, files and information regarding the investigation 7 and discipline, if any, of teachers in other member states upon 8 request. Any member state receiving such information or files 9 shall protect and maintain the security and confidentiality 10 thereof, in at least the same manner that it maintains its own 11 investigatory or disciplinary files and information. Prior to 12 disclosing any disciplinary or investigatory information 13 received from another member state, the disclosing state shall 14 communicate its intention and purpose for such disclosure to the 15 member state which originally provided that information.

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ARTICLE VII

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT 17

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COMMISSION

19 The interstate compact member states hereby create and (a) 20 establish a joint public agency known as the interstate teacher 21 mobility compact commission. The commission shall be a joint



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interstate governmental agency comprised of states that have
 enacted the interstate teacher mobility compact. Nothing in
 this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign
 immunity.

5 (b) Membership, voting, and meetings.

- 6 (1) Each member state shall have and be limited to one
 7 delegate to the commission, who shall be given the
 8 title of commissioner.
- 9 (2) The commissioner shall be the primary administrative
 10 officer of the state licensing authority or their
 11 designee.
- 12 (3) Any commissioner may be removed or suspended from
 13 office as provided by the laws of the state from which
 14 the commissioner is appointed.
- 15 (4) The member state shall fill any vacancy occurring in16 the commission within ninety days.
- 17 (5) Each commissioner shall be entitled to one vote about
 18 the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and
 19 shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in
 20 the business and affairs of the commission. A
 21 commissioner shall vote in person or by such other

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1		means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may
2		provide for commissioners' participation in meetings
3		by telephone or other means of communication.
4	(6)	The commission shall meet at least once during each
5		calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as
6		set forth in the bylaws.
7	(7)	The commission shall establish by rule a term of
8		office for commissioners.
9	(C)	The commission shall have the following powers and
10	duties:	
11	(1)	Establish a code of ethics for the commission;
12	(2)	Establish the fiscal year of the commission;
13	(3)	Establish bylaws for the commission;
14	(4)	Maintain its financial records in accordance with the
15	,	bylaws of the commission;
16	(5)	Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the
17		provisions of this compact, the bylaws, and rules of
18		the commission;
19	(6)	Promulgate uniform rules to implement and administer
20		this compact. The rules shall have the force and
21		effect of law and shall be binding in all member

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states. In the event the commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of this compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the commission shall be invalid and have no force and effect of law;

7 (7) Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in 8 the name of the commission; provided that the standing 9 of any member state licensing authority to sue or be 10 sued under applicable law shall not be affected; 11 (8) Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds; 12 Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, (9) 13 including, but not limited to, employees of a member 14 state, or an associated nongovernmental organization 15 that is open to membership by all states; 16 Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix (10)17 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals 18 appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of 19 this compact, and establish the commission's personnel

20 policies and programs relating to conflicts of

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1		interest, qualifications of personnel, and other
2		related personnel matters;
3	(11)	Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations
4		of, or otherwise own, hold, improve, or use, any
5		property, whether real, personal, or mixed; provided
6		that at all times the commission shall avoid any
7		appearance of impropriety;
8	(12)	Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
9		abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, whether
10		real, personal, or mixed;
11	(13)	Establish a budget and make expenditures;
12	(14)	Borrow money;
13	(15)	Appoint committees, including standing committees
14		composed of members and such other interested persons
15		as may be designated in this compact or by rules or
16		bylaws;
17	(16)	Provide and receive information from, and cooperate
18		with, law enforcement agencies;
19	(17)	Establish and elect an executive committee;
20	(18)	Establish and develop a charter for an executive
21		information governance committee to advise on

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1		facilitating exchange of information; use of
2		information, data privacy, and technical support
3		needs; and provide reports as needed;
4	(19)	Perform such other functions as may be necessary or
5		appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact
6		consistent with a state's regulation of teacher
7		licensure; and
8	(20)	Determine whether a state's adopted language is
9		materially different from the model compact language
10		such that the state would not qualify for
11		participation in this compact.
12	(d)	The executive committee of the interstate teacher
13	mobility	compact commission shall:
14	(1)	Have the power to act on behalf of the commission
15		according to the terms of this compact;
16	(2)	Be composed of eight voting members as follows:
17		(A) The commission chair;
18		(B) The vice chair;
19		(C) The treasurer; and
20		(D) Five members who are elected by the commission
21		from the current membership as follows:



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1			(i)	Four voti	ing m	embers	repre	esent:	ing geog	raphic
2				regions i	in ac	cordan	ice wit	ch cor	mmission	rules;
3				and						
4			(ii)	One at la	arge	voting	membe	er in	accorda	nce
5		~		with comm	nissi	on rul	es;			
6		prov	ided t	hat the c	commi	ssion	may ac	ld or	remove	members
7		of t	he exe	cutive co	ommit	tee as	provi	ded :	in commi	ssion
8		rule	s;							
9	(3)	Meet	at le	ast once	annu	ally;	and			
10	(4)	Have	the 1	ollowing	duti	es and	respo	onsib	ilities:	
11		(A)	Recor	mend to t	che e	ntire	commis	sion	changes	to the
12			rules	or bylaw	vs, c	hanges	to th	ne cor	npact	
13			legis	lation, t	che e	stabli	shment	cofo	or chang	e to
14			fees	paid by i	Inter	state	compac	t mer	nber sta	tes,
15			inclu	ding any	annu	al due	s and	any d	compact	fee
16			charg	ed by the	e memi	ber st	ates c	on bel	nalf of	the
17			commi	ssion;						
18		(B)	Ensur	e commiss	sion .	admini	strati	on se	ervices	are
19			appro	priately	prov	ided,	whethe	er cor	ntractua	l or
20			other	wise;						
21		(C)	Prepa	re and re	ecomm	end th	e budg	ret;		



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1		(D)	Maintain financial records on behalf of the			
2			commission;			
3		(E)	Monitor compliance of member states and provide			
4			reports to the commission; and			
5		(F)	Perform other duties as provided in the			
6			commission's rules or bylaws.			
7	(e)	Meet	ings of the commission.			
8	(1)	All	meetings shall be open to the public, and public			
9		noti	ce of meetings shall be given in accordance with			
10		comm	commission bylaws.			
11	(2)	The	The commission, the executive committee, or other			
12		comm	committees of the commission may convene in a closed,			
13		non-	non-public meeting if the commission, executive			
14		comm	ittee, or other committees of the commission must			
15		disc	uss:			
16		(A)	Noncompliance of a member state with its			
17			obligations under this compact;			
18		(B)	The employment, compensation, discipline, or			
19			other matters, practices, or procedures related			
20			to specific employees or other matters related to			

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1		the commission's internal personnel practices and
2		procedures;
3	(C)	Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
4		litigation;
5	(D)	Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease,
6		or sale of goods, services, or real estate;
7	(E)	Accusation of any person of a crime or formal
8		censure of any person;
9	(F)	Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or
10		financial information that is privileged or
11		confidential;
12	(G)	Disclosure of information of a personal nature
13		where disclosure would constitute a clearly
14		unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
15	(H)	Disclosure of investigative records compiled for
16		law enforcement purposes;
17	(I)	Disclosure of information related to any
18		investigative reports prepared by, on behalf of,
19		or for use of the commission or other committee
20		charged with responsibility of investigation or

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1		determination of compliance issues pursuant to
2		this compact;
3		(J) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by
4		federal or member state statute; and
5		(K) Other matters as set forth by commission bylaws
6		and rules.
7	(3)	If a meeting or a portion of a meeting is closed
8		pursuant to paragraph (2), the commission's legal
9		counsel or designee shall first certify that the
10		meeting may be closed and shall reference each
11		relevant exemption authorizing the closed meeting.
12	(4)	The commission shall keep minutes of commission
13		meetings and shall provide a full and accurate summary
14		of actions taken and the reasons therefore, including
15		a description of the views expressed. All documents
16		considered in connection with an action shall be
17		identified in the minutes. All minutes and documents
18		of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject
19		to release by a majority vote of the commission or
20		order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
21	(f)	Financing of the commission.



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1	(1)	The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment
2		of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,
3		organization, and ongoing activities.
4	(2)	The commission may accept all appropriate donations
5		and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials,
6		and services, and receive, utilize, and dispose of the
7		same; provided that the commission shall at all times
8		avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of
9		interest.
10	(3)	The commission may levy on and collect an annual
11		assessment from each member state or impose fees on
12		other parties to cover the cost of the operations and
13		activities of the commission, in accordance with
14		commission rules.
15	(4)	The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind
16		prior to securing the funds adequate to meet those
17		obligations, nor shall the commission pledge the
18		credit of any member state, except by and with the
19		authority of the member state.
20	(5)	The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all
21		receipts and disbursements. The receipts and



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1 disbursements of the commission shall be subject to 2 accounting procedures established under commission 3 bylaws. All receipts and disbursements of funds of 4 the commission shall be reviewed annually in 5 accordance with commission bylaws, and a report of the review shall be included in and become a part of the 6 7 annual report of the commission. Qualified immunity, defense, and indemnification. 8 (g) 9 (1)The commission shall defend any member, officer, 10 executive director, employee, or representative of the 11 commission in any civil action seeking to impose 12 liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, 13 error, or omission that occurred within the scope of 14 commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or 15 that the person against whom the claim is made had a 16 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the

17 scope of commission employment, duties, or 18 responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall 19 be construed to prohibit that person from retaining 20 counsel; provided further that the actual or alleged

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1 act, error, or omission did not result from that 2 person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct. 3 The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any (2)4 member, officer, executive director, employee, or 5 representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person 6 7 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or 8 omission that occurred within the scope of commission 9 employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that the 10 person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred 11 within the scope of commission employment, duties, or 12 responsibilities; provided that the actual or alleged 13 act, error, or omission did not result from the 14 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that 15 person. 16 ARTICLE VIII 17 RULEMAKING

18 (a) The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers
19 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this compact and the rules
20 adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding
21 as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

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(b) The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules to
achieve the intent and purpose of this compact. In the event
the commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner
that is beyond the purpose and intent of this compact or the
powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the commission
shall be invalid and have no force and effect of law in the
member states.

8 (c) If a majority of the legislatures of the member states 9 rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the 10 same manner used to adopt this compact within four years of the 11 date of adoption of the rule, then such rule shall have no 12 further force and effect in any member state.

(d) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted or
ratified at a regular or special meeting of the commission in
accordance with commission rules and bylaws.

16 (e) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the 17 commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule within 18 forty-eight hours' notice, with opportunity to provide comment; 19 provided that the usual rulemaking procedures shall be 20 retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably

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1	possible,	and in no event later than ninety days after the	
2	effective	date of the rule.	
3	For the purposes of this subsection:		
4	"Emergency rule" means a rule that must be adopted		
5	immediately to:		
6	(1)	Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or	
7		welfare;	
8	(2)	Prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;	
9	(3)	Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an	
10		administrative rule that is established by federal law	
11		or rule; or	
12	(4)	Protect public health and safety.	
13		ARTICLE IX	
14		FACILITATING INFORMATION EXCHANGE	
15	(a)	The commission shall provide for the facilitation of	
16	exchange	of information to administer and implement the	
17	provisions of this compact in accordance with the rules of the		
18	commissio	n, consistent with generally accepted data protection	
19	principle	S.	
20	(b)	Nothing in this compact shall be deemed or construed	
21	to alter,	limit, or inhibit the power of a member state to	



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1	control a	and maintain ownership of its licensee information or
2	alter, li	mit, or inhibit the laws or regulations governing
3	licensee	information in the member state.
4		ARTICLE X
5		OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT
6	(a)	Oversight.
7	(1)	The executive and judicial branches of state
8		government in each member state shall enforce this
9		compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate
10		to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The
11		provisions of this compact shall have standing as
12		statutory law.
13	(2)	Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against
14		the commission shall be brought solely and exclusively
15		in a court of competent jurisdiction where the
16		principal office of the commission is located. The
17		commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses
18		to the extent the commission adopts or consents to
19		participate in alternative dispute resolution
20		proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the
21		selection or propriety of venue in any action against

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1 a licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct, 2 or any similar matter. 3 (3) All courts and administrative agencies shall take 4 judicial notice of this compact, the rules of the 5 commission, and any information provided to a member 6 state pursuant thereto in any judicial or 7 quasi-judicial proceeding in a member state pertaining 8 to the subject matter of this compact, or which may 9 affect the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the 10 commission. 11 (4) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of 12 process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or 13 interpretation of this compact and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. 14 15 Failure to provide the commission service of process 16 shall render a judgment or order void as to the 17 commission, this compact, or promulgated rules. 18 (b) Default, technical assistance, and termination. If 19 the commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under 20 21 this compact or promulgated rules, the commission shall:



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(1) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and
 other member states of the nature of the default, the
 proposed means of curing the default, or any other
 action to be taken by the commission; and
 (2) Provide remedial training and specific technical
 assistance regarding the default.

7 (C) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the 8 defaulting state may be terminated from this compact upon an 9 affirmative vote of a majority of the commissioners of the 10 member states, and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred on that state by this compact may be terminated on the 11 12 effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not 13 relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities 14 incurred during the period of default.

(d) Termination of membership in this compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, the state licensing authority, and each of the member states.



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1 (e) A state that has been terminated is responsible for 2 all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through 3 the effective date of termination, including obligations that 4 extend beyond the effective date of termination. 5 (f) The commission shall not bear any costs related to a 6 state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated 7 from this compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the 8 commission and the defaulting state. 9 The defaulting state may appeal the action of the (q) 10 commission by petitioning the United States District Court for 11 the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party 12 13 shall be awarded all costs of the litigation, including 14 reasonable attorney's fees. 15 (h) Dispute resolution. 16 (1) Upon request by a member state, the commission shall 17 attempt to resolve disputes related to this compact 18 that arise among member states and between member and

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non-member states.



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1 (2)The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for 2 both binding and non-binding alternative dispute 3 resolution for disputes as appropriate. 4 (i) Enforcement. 5 (1)The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of 6 7 this compact. 8 (2)By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal 9 action in the United States District Court for the 10 District of Columbia or the federal district where the 11 commission has its principal offices against a member 12 state in default to enforce compliance with the 13 provisions of this compact and its promulgated rules 14 and bylaws. The relief sought may include both 15 injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall 16 17 be awarded all costs of the litigation, including 18 reasonable attorney's fees. The remedies herein shall 19 not be the exclusive remedies of the commission. The 20 commission may pursue any other remedies available 21 under federal or state law.



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1		ARTICLE XI
2		EFFECTUATION, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT
3	(a)	This compact shall become effective on the date on
4	which the	compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth
5	member sta	ate.
6	(1)	On or after the effective date of this compact, the
7		commission shall convene and review the enactment of
8		each of the charter member states to determine if the
9		statute enacted by each charter member state is
10		materially different from the model compact statute.
11	(2)	A charter member state whose enactment is found to be
12		materially different from the model compact statute
13		shall be entitled to the default process set forth
14		pursuant to article X.
15	(3)	Member states enacting this compact subsequent to the
16		charter member states shall be subject to the process
17		set forth in article VII, subsection (c)(20), to
18		determine if the member states' enactments are
19		materially different from the model compact statute
20		and whether the member states qualify for
21		participation in this compact.



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1	(b) If any member state is later found to be in default,
2	is terminated, or withdraws from this compact, the commission
3	shall remain in existence and this compact shall remain in
4	effect even if the number of member states is less than ten.
5	(c) Any state that joins this compact after the
6	commission's initial adoption of the rules and bylaws shall be
7	subject to the rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on
8	which this compact becomes law in that state. Any rule that has
9	been previously adopted by the commission shall have the full
10	force and effect of law on the day this compact becomes law in
11	that state, as the rules and bylaws may be amended as provided
12	in this compact.
13	(d) Any member state may withdraw from this compact by
14	enacting a statute repealing the same compact; provided that:
15	(1) A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect
16	until six months after enactment of the repealing
17	statute; and
18	(2) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement
19	of the withdrawing state's licensing authority to
20	comply with the investigative and adverse action

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1	reporting requirements of this compact prior to the
2	effective date of withdrawal.
3	(e) This compact may be amended by the member states. No
4	amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding
5	upon any member state until this compact is enacted into the
6	laws of all member states.
7	ARTICLE XII
8	CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY
9	This compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate the
10	purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be
11	severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of
12	this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of
13	any member state or a state seeking membership in this compact,
14	or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any
15	other government, agency, person, or circumstance is held
16	invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the
17	applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or
18	circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact
19	shall be held contrary to the constitution of any member state,
20	the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the

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1 remaining member states and in full force and effect as to the 2 member state affected as to all severable matters. 3 ARTICLE XIII CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS 4 5 (a) Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the 6 enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not 7 inconsistent with this compact. 8 (b) Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal 9 requirements in a member state in conflict with this compact are 10 superseded to the extent of the conflict. 11 (c) All permissible agreements between the commission and 12 the member states are binding in accordance with their terms." 13 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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