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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that safeguarding,  
2   enhancing, and prioritizing the mental health of the people is  
3   essential not only for the well-being of individuals but also  
4   for the broader public interest. Protection of mental health  
5   contributes to a healthier, more resilient society, benefiting  
6   all members of the community.

7       The legislature recognizes that there is a growing demand  
8   for mental health care services, particularly on the neighbor  
9   islands and in rural and underserved areas. Despite this need,  
10   the current shortage of mental health professionals and services  
11   fails to meet the increasing demand, leaving countless  
12   individuals without the critical care they deserve. This lack  
13   of access disproportionately affects vulnerable populations,  
14   such as the elderly, those with mobility challenges, and youth  
15   who face identity-based harassment or rejection.

16       The legislature also finds reports of neighbor island  
17   communities experiencing a critical lack of access to care for



1 the mental and physical well-being of vulnerable members of the  
2 LGBTQ+ community, particularly youth, who face alarmingly high  
3 rates of suicide attempts. Accessing mental health care  
4 services provided by licensed psychologists is crucial to  
5 providing essential care and ultimately lowering the suicide  
6 rates within this vulnerable population.

7 The legislature further finds that over forty states have  
8 already joined the psychology interjurisdictional compact to  
9 address similar issues of access. Participating in this compact  
10 will enable vulnerable kamaaina to return home without risking  
11 the loss of critical relationships with long time therapists and  
12 counselors and help Hawaii meet the growing demand for mental  
13 health care needs by reducing barriers for mental health  
14 professionals to practice and providing residents with access to  
15 a broader pool of qualified mental health professionals through  
16 telepsychology and temporary in-person services.

17 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to adopt the  
18 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to:

- 19 (1) Regulate the day-to-day practice of telepsychology by  
20 psychologists across state boundaries in the



1 performance of their psychological practice as  
2 assigned by an appropriate authority;

- 3 (2) Regulate the temporary in-person, face-to-face  
4 practice of psychology by psychologists across state  
5 boundaries for thirty days within a calendar year in  
6 the performance of their psychological practice as  
7 assigned by an appropriate authority; and  
8 (3) Require the department of commerce and consumer  
9 affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the  
10 compact.

11 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
12 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  
13 as follows:

14 "CHAPTER

15 PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT

16 § -1. **Short title.** This chapter may be cited as the  
17 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

18 § -2. **Terms and provisions of compact; authorization;**  
19 **governor.** The legislature hereby authorizes the governor to  
20 enter into a compact on behalf of the State of Hawaii with any



1 other state legally joining therein, in the form substantially  
2 as follows:

3 **PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (PSYPACT)**

4 **ARTICLE I**

5 **PURPOSE**

6 Whereas, states license psychologists, in order to protect  
7 the public through verification of education, training and  
8 experience and ensure accountability for professional practice;  
9 and

10 Whereas, this Compact is intended to regulate the day to  
11 day practice of telepsychology (i.e., the provision of  
12 psychological services using telecommunication technologies) by  
13 psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of  
14 their psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate  
15 authority; and

16 Whereas, this Compact is intended to regulate the temporary  
17 in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists  
18 across state boundaries for 30 days within a calendar year in  
19 the performance of their psychological practice as assigned by  
20 an appropriate authority; and



1       Whereas, this Compact is intended to authorize State  
2       Psychology Regulatory Authorities to afford legal recognition,  
3       in a manner consistent with the terms of the Compact, to  
4       psychologists licensed in another state; and

5       Whereas, this Compact recognizes that states have a vested  
6       interest in protecting the public's health and safety through  
7       their licensing and regulation of psychologists and that such  
8       state regulation will best protect public health and safety; and

9       Whereas, this Compact does not apply when a psychologist is  
10      licensed in both the Home and Receiving States; and

11      Whereas, this Compact does not apply to permanent  
12      in-person, face-to-face practice, it does allow for  
13      authorization of temporary psychological practice.

14      Consistent with these principles, this Compact is designed  
15      to achieve the following purposes and objectives:

- 16           1.   Increase public access to professional psychological  
17                services by allowing for telepsychological practice  
18                across state lines as well as temporary in-person,  
19                face-to-face services into a state which the  
20                psychologist is not licensed to practice psychology;



2. Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety, especially client/patient safety;
3. Encourage the cooperation of Compact States in the areas of psychology licensure and regulation;
4. Facilitate the exchange of information between Compact States regarding psychologist licensure, adverse actions and disciplinary history;
5. Promote compliance with the laws governing psychological practice in each Compact State; and
6. Invest all Compact States with the authority to hold licensed psychologists accountable through the mutual recognition of Compact State licenses.

## ARTICLE II

### DEFINITIONS

A. "Adverse Action" means: Any action taken by a State Psychology Regulatory Authority which finds a violation of a statute or regulation that is identified by the State Psychology Regulatory Authority as discipline and is a matter of public record.

B. "Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)" means: the recognized membership organization composed



1 of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities  
2 responsible for the licensure and registration of psychologists  
3 throughout the United States and Canada.

4 C. "Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional  
5 Telepsychology" means: a licensed psychologist's authority to  
6 practice telepsychology, within the limits authorized under this  
7 Compact, in another Compact State.

8 D. "Bylaws" means: those Bylaws established by the  
9 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission pursuant to  
10 Article X for its governance, or for directing and controlling  
11 its actions and conduct.

12 E. "Client/Patient" means: the recipient of psychological  
13 services, whether psychological services are delivered in the  
14 context of healthcare, corporate, supervision, and/or consulting  
15 services.

16 F. "Commissioner" means: the voting representative  
17 appointed by each State Psychology Regulatory Authority pursuant  
18 to Article X.

19 G. "Compact State" means: a state, the District of  
20 Columbia, or United States territory that has enacted this  
21 Compact legislation and which has not withdrawn pursuant to



1 Article XIII, Section C or been terminated pursuant to

2 Article XII, Section B.

3 H. "Coordinated Licensure Information System" also  
4 referred to as "Coordinated Database" means: an integrated  
5 process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on  
6 psychologists' licensure and enforcement activities related to  
7 psychology licensure laws, which is administered by the  
8 recognized membership organization composed of State and  
9 Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities.

10 I. "Confidentiality" means: the principle that data or  
11 information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized  
12 persons and/or processes.

13 J. "Day" means: any part of a day in which psychological  
14 work is performed.

15 K. "Distant State" means: the Compact State where a  
16 psychologist is physically present (not through the use of  
17 telecommunications technologies), to provide temporary  
18 in-person, face-to-face psychological services.

19 L. "E.Passport" means: a certificate issued by the  
20 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)  
21 that promotes the standardization in the criteria of





1 interjurisdictional telepsychology practice and facilitates the  
2 process for licensed psychologists to provide telepsychological  
3 services across state lines.

4 M. "Executive Board" means: a group of directors elected  
5 or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted  
6 to them by, the Commission.

7 N. "Home State" means: a Compact State where a  
8 psychologist is licensed to practice psychology. If the  
9 psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State and is  
10 practicing under the Authorization to Practice  
11 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, the Home State is the  
12 Compact State where the psychologist is physically present when  
13 the telepsychological services are delivered. If the  
14 psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State and is  
15 practicing under the Temporary Authorization to Practice, the  
16 Home State is any Compact State where the psychologist is  
17 licensed.

18 O. "Identity History Summary" means: a summary of  
19 information retained by the FBI, or other designee with similar  
20 authority, in connection with arrests and, in some instances,  
21 federal employment, naturalization, or military service.



1       P. "In-Person, Face-to-Face" means: interactions in which  
2 the psychologist and the client/patient are in the same physical  
3 space and which does not include interactions that may occur  
4 through the use of telecommunication technologies.

5       Q. "Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)" means:  
6 a certificate issued by the Association of State and Provincial  
7 Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that grants temporary authority to  
8 practice based on notification to the State Psychology  
9 Regulatory Authority of intention to practice temporarily, and  
10 verification of one's qualifications for such practice.

11       R. "License" means: authorization by a State Psychology  
12 Regulatory Authority to engage in the independent practice of  
13 psychology, which would be unlawful without the authorization.

14       S. "Non-Compact State" means: any State which is not at  
15 the time a Compact State.

16       T. "Psychologist" means: an individual licensed for the  
17 independent practice of psychology.

18       U. "Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission"  
19 also referred to as "Commission" means: the national  
20 administration of which all Compact States are members.



1       V. "Receiving State" means: a Compact State where the  
2 client/patient is physically located when the telepsychological  
3 services are delivered.

4       W. "Rule" means: a written statement by the Psychology  
5 Interjurisdictional Compact Commission promulgated pursuant to  
6 Article XI of the Compact that is of general applicability,  
7 implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision of  
8 the Compact, or an organizational, procedural, or practice  
9 requirement of the Commission and has the force and effect of  
10 statutory law in a Compact State, and includes the amendment,  
11 repeal or suspension of an existing rule.

12       X. "Significant Investigatory Information" means:

13       1. Investigative information that a State Psychology  
14 Regulatory Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that  
15 includes notification and an opportunity to respond if  
16 required by state law, has reason to believe, if  
17 proven true, would indicate more than a violation of  
18 state statute or ethics code that would be considered  
19 more substantial than minor infraction; or

20       2. Investigative information that indicates that the  
21 psychologist represents an immediate threat to public



1 health and safety regardless of whether the  
2 psychologist has been notified and/or had an  
3 opportunity to respond.

4 Y. "State" means: a state, commonwealth, territory, or  
5 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia.

6 Z. "State Psychology Regulatory Authority" means: the  
7 Board, office or other agency with the legislative mandate to  
8 license and regulate the practice of psychology.

9 AA. "Telepsychology" means: the provision of  
10 psychological services using telecommunication technologies.

11 BB. "Temporary Authorization to Practice" means: a  
12 licensed psychologist's authority to conduct temporary  
13 in-person, face-to-face practice, within the limits authorized  
14 under this Compact, in another Compact State.

15 CC. "Temporary In-Person, Face-to-Face Practice" means:  
16 where a psychologist is physically present (not through the use  
17 of telecommunications technologies), in the Distant State to  
18 provide for the practice of psychology for 30 days within a  
19 calendar year and based on notification to the Distant State.

20 **ARTICLE III**

21 **HOME STATE LICENSURE**



1           A. The Home State shall be a Compact State where a  
2 psychologist is licensed to practice psychology.

3           B. A psychologist may hold one or more Compact State  
4 licenses at a time. If the psychologist is licensed in more  
5 than one Compact State, the Home State is the Compact State  
6 where the psychologist is physically present when the services  
7 are delivered as authorized by the Authority to Practice  
8 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms of this  
9 Compact.

10          C. Any Compact State may require a psychologist not  
11 previously licensed in a Compact State to obtain and retain a  
12 license to be authorized to practice in the Compact State under  
13 circumstances not authorized by the Authority to Practice  
14 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms of this  
15 Compact.

16          D. Any Compact State may require a psychologist to obtain  
17 and retain a license to be authorized to practice in a Compact  
18 State under circumstances not authorized by Temporary  
19 Authorization to Practice under the terms of this Compact.



1           E. A Home State's license authorizes a psychologist to  
2 practice in a Receiving State under the Authority to Practice  
3 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only if the Compact State:

4           1. Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active  
5           E.Passport;

6           2. Has a mechanism in place for receiving and  
7           investigating complaints about licensed individuals;

8           3. Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms  
9           herein, of any adverse action or significant  
10          investigatory information regarding a licensed  
11          individual;

12          4. Requires an Identity History Summary of all applicants  
13          at initial licensure, including the use of the results  
14          of fingerprints or other biometric data checks  
15          compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau  
16          of Investigation (FBI), or other designee with similar  
17          authority, no later than ten years after activation of  
18          the Compact; and

19          5. Complies with the Bylaws and Rules of the Commission.



1 F. A Home State's license grants Temporary Authorization  
2 to Practice to a psychologist in a Distant State only if the  
3 Compact State:

- 4 1. Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active  
5 IPC;
- 6 2. Has a mechanism in place for receiving and  
7 investigating complaints about licensed individuals;
- 8 3. Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms  
9 herein, of any adverse action or significant  
10 investigatory information regarding a licensed  
11 individual;
- 12 4. Requires an Identity History Summary of all applicants  
13 at initial licensure, including the use of the results  
14 of fingerprints or other biometric data checks  
15 compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau  
16 of Investigation (FBI), or other designee with similar  
17 authority, no later than ten years after activation of  
18 the Compact; and
- 19 5. Complies with the Bylaws and Rules of the Commission.

20 **ARTICLE IV**

21 **COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE TELEPSYCHOLOGY**



1       A. Compact States shall recognize the right of a  
2 psychologist, licensed in a Compact State in conformance with  
3 Article III, to practice telepsychology in other Compact States  
4 (Receiving States) in which the psychologist is not licensed,  
5 under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional  
6 Telepsychology as provided in the Compact.

7       B. To exercise the Authority to Practice  
8 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms and  
9 provisions of this Compact, a psychologist licensed to practice  
10 in a Compact State must:

11       1. Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institute  
12 of higher education that was, at the time the degree  
13 was awarded:

14       a. Regionally accredited by an accrediting body  
15 recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to  
16 grant graduate degrees, or authorized by  
17 Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to grant  
18 doctoral degrees; or

19       b. A foreign college or university deemed to be  
20 equivalent to 1(a) above by a foreign credential  
21 evaluation service that is a member of the





1 National Association of Credential Evaluation  
2 Services (NACES) or by a recognized foreign  
3 credential evaluation service; and

4 2. Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the  
5 following criteria:

6 a. The program, wherever it may be administratively  
7 housed, must be clearly identified and labeled as  
8 a psychology program. Such a program must  
9 specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and  
10 brochures its intent to educate and train  
11 professional psychologists;

12 b. The psychology program must stand as a  
13 recognizable, coherent, organizational entity  
14 within the institution;

15 c. There must be a clear authority and primary  
16 responsibility for the core and specialty areas  
17 whether or not the program cuts across  
18 administrative lines;

19 d. The program must consist of an integrated,  
20 organized sequence of study;



- e. There must be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its responsibilities;
- f. The designated director of the program must be a psychologist and a member of the core faculty;
- g. The program must have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that program for a degree;
- h. The program must include supervised practicum, internship, or field training appropriate to the practice of psychology;
- i. The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years of full-time graduate study for doctoral degree and a minimum of one academic year of full-time graduate study for master's degree; and
- j. The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by the Rules of the Commission;

- 3. Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice psychology in a Home State which is a Compact State;



1           4. Have no history of adverse action that violate the  
2           Rules of the Commission;

3           5. Have no criminal record history reported on an  
4           Identity History Summary that violates the Rules of  
5           the Commission;

6           6. Possess a current, active E.Passport;

7           7. Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended  
8           practice, conformity with standards of practice,  
9           competence in telepsychology technology; criminal  
10          background; and knowledge and adherence to legal  
11          requirements in the Home and Receiving States, and  
12          provide a release of information to allow for primary  
13          source verification in a manner specified by the  
14          Commission; and

15          8. Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the  
16          Commission.

17          C. The Home State maintains authority over the license of  
18          any psychologist practicing into a Receiving State under the  
19          Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

20          D. A psychologist practicing into a Receiving State under  
21          the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology



1 will be subject to the Receiving State's scope of practice. A  
2 Receiving State may, in accordance with that state's due process  
3 law, limit or revoke a psychologist's Authority to Practice  
4 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in the Receiving State and  
5 may take any other necessary actions under the Receiving State's  
6 applicable law to protect the health and safety of the Receiving  
7 State's citizens. If a Receiving State takes action, the state  
8 shall promptly notify the Home State and the Commission.

9 E. If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another  
10 Compact State, or any Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional  
11 Telepsychology in any Receiving State, is restricted, suspended  
12 or otherwise limited, the E.Passport shall be revoked and  
13 therefore the psychologist shall not be eligible to practice  
14 telepsychology in a Compact State under the Authority to  
15 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

## 16 ARTICLE V

### 17 COMPACT TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE

18 A. Compact States shall also recognize the right of a  
19 psychologist, licensed in a Compact State in conformance with  
20 Article III, to practice temporarily in other Compact States



(Distant States) in which the psychologist is not licensed, as provided in the Compact.

B. To exercise the Temporary Authorization to Practice under the terms and provisions of this Compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a Compact State must:

1. Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institute of higher education that was, at the time the degree was awarded:

a. Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, or authorized by Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees; or

b. A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to 1(a) above by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or by a recognized foreign credential evaluation service; and

2. Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the following criteria:



- a. The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such a program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;
- b. The psychology program must stand as a recognizable, coherent, organizational entity within the institution;
- c. There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines;
- d. The program must consist of an integrated, organized sequence of study;
- e. There must be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its responsibilities;
- f. The designated director of the program must be a psychologist and a member of the core faculty;



1           g. The program must have an identifiable body of  
2           students who are matriculated in that program for  
3           a degree;

4           h. The program must include supervised practicum,  
5           internship, or field training appropriate to the  
6           practice of psychology;

7           i. The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three  
8           academic years of full-time graduate study for  
9           doctoral degrees and a minimum of one academic  
10          year of full-time graduate study for master's  
11          degrees; and

12          j. The program includes an acceptable residency as  
13          defined by the Rules of the Commission;

14          3. Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to  
15          practice psychology in a Home State which is a Compact  
16          State;

17          4. Have no history of adverse action that violates the  
18          Rules of the Commission;

19          5. Have no criminal record history that violates the  
20          Rules of the Commission;

21          6. Possess a current, active IPC;



1           7. Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended  
2           practice and work experience and provide a release of  
3           information to allow for primary source verification  
4           in a manner specified by the Commission; and

5           8. Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the  
6           Commission.

7           C. A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under  
8           the Temporary Authorization to Practice shall practice within  
9           the scope of practice authorized by the Distant State.

10          D. A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under  
11          the Temporary Authorization to Practice will be subject to the  
12          Distant State's authority and law. A Distant State may, in  
13          accordance with that state's due process law, limit or revoke a  
14          psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice in the  
15          Distant State and may take any other necessary actions under the  
16          Distant State's applicable law to protect the health and safety  
17          of the Distant State's citizens. If a Distant State takes  
18          action, the state shall promptly notify the Home State and the  
19          Commission.

20          E. If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another  
21          Compact State, or any Temporary Authorization to Practice in any





1 Distant State, is restricted, suspended or otherwise limited,  
2 the IPC shall be revoked and therefore the psychologist shall  
3 not be eligible to practice in a Compact State under the  
4 Temporary Authorization to Practice.

#### 5 ARTICLE VI

##### 6 CONDITIONS OF TELEPSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE IN A RECEIVING STATE

7 A. A psychologist may practice in a Receiving State under  
8 the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology  
9 only in the performance of the scope of practice for psychology  
10 as assigned by an appropriate State Psychology Regulatory  
11 Authority, as defined in the Rules of the Commission, and under  
12 the following circumstances:

- 13 1. The psychologist initiates a client/patient contact in  
14 a Home State via telecommunications technologies with  
15 a client/patient in a Receiving State; and
- 16 2. Other conditions regarding telepsychology as  
17 determined by Rules promulgated by the Commission.

#### 18 ARTICLE VII

##### 19 ADVERSE ACTIONS

20 A. A Home State shall have the power to impose adverse  
21 action against a psychologist's license issued by the Home



1 State. A Distant State shall have the power to take adverse  
2 action on a psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice  
3 within that Distant State.

4 B. A Receiving State may take adverse action on a  
5 psychologist's Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional  
6 Telepsychology within that Receiving State. A Home State may  
7 take adverse action against a psychologist based on an adverse  
8 action taken by a Distant State regarding temporary in-person,  
9 face-to-face practice.

10 C. If a Home State takes adverse action against a  
11 psychologist's license, that psychologist's Authority to  
12 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is terminated and  
13 the E.Passport is revoked. Furthermore, that psychologist's  
14 Temporary Authorization to Practice is terminated and the IPC is  
15 revoked.

16 1. All Home State disciplinary orders which impose  
17 adverse action shall be reported to the Commission in  
18 accordance with the Rules promulgated by the  
19 Commission. A Compact State shall report adverse  
20 actions in accordance with the Rules of the  
21 Commission.



2. In the event discipline is reported on a psychologist, the psychologist will not be eligible for telepsychology or temporary in-person, face-to-face practice in accordance with the Rules of the Commission.

3. Other actions may be imposed as determined by the Rules promulgated by the Commission.

D. A Home State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall investigate and take appropriate action with respect to reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a licensee which occurred in a Receiving State as it would if such conduct had been engaged in by a licensee within the Home State. In such cases, the Home State's law shall control in determining any adverse action against a psychologist's license.

E. A Distant State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall investigate and take appropriate action with respect to reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a psychologist practicing under Temporary Authorization to Practice which occurred in that Distant State as it would if such conduct had been engaged in by a licensee within the Home State. In such cases, the Distant



1 State's law shall control in determining any adverse action  
2 against a psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice.

3 F. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Compact  
4 State's decision that a psychologist's participation in an  
5 alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action and  
6 that such participation shall remain non-public if required by  
7 the Compact State's law. Compact States must require  
8 psychologists who enter any alternative programs to not provide  
9 telepsychology services under the Authority to Practice  
10 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology or provide temporary  
11 psychological services under the Temporary Authorization to  
12 Practice in any other Compact State during the term of the  
13 alternative program.

14 G. No other judicial or administrative remedies shall be  
15 available to a psychologist in the event a Compact State imposes  
16 an adverse action pursuant to subsection C, above.

17 **ARTICLE VIII**

18 **ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES INVESTED IN A COMPACT STATE'S PSYCHOLOGY**

19 **REGULATORY AUTHORITY**



1           A. In addition to any other powers granted under state  
2 law, a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall  
3 have the authority under this Compact to:

4           1. Issue subpoenas, for both hearings and investigations,  
5 which require the attendance and testimony of  
6 witnesses and the production of evidence. Subpoenas  
7 issued by a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory  
8 Authority for the attendance and testimony of  
9 witnesses, and/or the production of evidence from  
10 another Compact State shall be enforced in the latter  
11 state by any court of competent jurisdiction,  
12 according to that court's practice and procedure in  
13 considering subpoenas issued in its own proceedings.  
14 The issuing State Psychology Regulatory Authority  
15 shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage  
16 and other fees required by the service statutes of the  
17 state where the witnesses and/or evidence are located;  
18 and

19           2. Issue cease and desist and/or injunctive relief orders  
20 to revoke a psychologist's Authority to Practice



1 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary  
2 Authorization to Practice.

3 3. During the course of any investigation, a psychologist  
4 may not change his/her Home State licensure. A Home  
5 State Psychology Regulatory Authority is authorized to  
6 complete any pending investigations of a psychologist  
7 and to take any actions appropriate under its law.

8 The Home State Psychology Regulatory Authority shall  
9 promptly report the conclusions of such investigations  
10 to the Commission. Once an investigation has been  
11 completed, and pending the outcome of said  
12 investigation, the psychologist may change his/her  
13 Home State licensure. The Commission shall promptly  
14 notify the new Home State of any such decisions as  
15 provided in the Rules of the Commission. All  
16 information provided to the Commission or distributed  
17 by Compact States pursuant to the psychologist shall  
18 be confidential, filed under seal and used for  
19 investigatory or disciplinary matters. The Commission  
20 may create additional rules for mandated or



1 discretionary sharing of information by Compact  
2 States.

3 **ARTICLE IX**

4 **COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM**

5 A. The Commission shall provide for the development and  
6 maintenance of a Coordinated Licensure Information System  
7 (Coordinated Database) and reporting system containing licensure  
8 and disciplinary action information on all psychologists and  
9 individuals to whom this Compact is applicable in all Compact  
10 States as defined by the Rules of the Commission.

11 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the  
12 contrary, a Compact State shall submit a uniform data set to the  
13 Coordinated Database on all licensees as required by the Rules  
14 of the Commission, including:

- 15 1. Identifying information;
- 16 2. Licensure data;
- 17 3. Significant investigatory information;
- 18 4. Adverse actions against a psychologist's license;
- 19 5. An indicator that a psychologist's Authority to  
20 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or  
21 Temporary Authorization to Practice is revoked;



6. Non-confidential information related to alternative program participation information;

7. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reasons for such denial; and

8. Other information which may facilitate the administration of this Compact, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

C. The Coordinated Database administrator shall promptly notify all Compact States of any adverse action taken against, or significant investigative information on, any licensee in a Compact State.

D. Compact States reporting information to the Coordinated Database may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the Compact State reporting the information.

E. Any information submitted to the Coordinated Database that is subsequently required to be expunged by the law of the Compact State reporting the information shall be removed from the Coordinated Database.

## ARTICLE X





1        **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT**

2                                **COMMISSION**

3            A. The Compact States hereby create and establish a joint  
4 public agency known as the Psychology Interjurisdictional  
5 Compact Commission.

6            1. The Commission is a body politic and an  
7 instrumentality of the Compact States.

8            2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against  
9 the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively  
10 in a court of competent jurisdiction where the  
11 principal office of the Commission is located. The  
12 Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses  
13 to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in  
14 alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

15           3. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a  
16 waiver of sovereign immunity.

17        B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

18           1. The Commission shall consist of one voting  
19 representative appointed by each Compact State who  
20 shall serve as that state's Commissioner. The State  
21 Psychology Regulatory Authority shall appoint its



1 delegate. This delegate shall be empowered to act on  
2 behalf of the Compact State. This delegate shall be  
3 limited to:

- 4 a. Executive Director, Executive Secretary or  
5 similar executive;
- 6 b. Current member of the State Psychology Regulatory  
7 Authority of a Compact State; or
- 8 c. Designee empowered with the appropriate delegate  
9 authority to act on behalf of the Compact State.

10 2. Any Commissioner may be removed or suspended from  
11 office as provided by the law of the state from which  
12 the Commissioner is appointed. Any vacancy occurring  
13 in the Commission shall be filled in accordance with  
14 the laws of the Compact State in which the vacancy  
15 exists.

16 3. Each Commissioner shall be entitled to one (1) vote  
17 with regard to the promulgation of Rules and creation  
18 of Bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to  
19 participate in the business and affairs of the  
20 Commission. A Commissioner shall vote in person or by  
21 such other means as provided in the Bylaws. The



1 Bylaws may provide for Commissioners' participation in  
2 meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

3 4. The Commission shall meet at least once during each  
4 calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as  
5 set forth in the Bylaws.

6 5. All meetings shall be open to the public, and public  
7 notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner  
8 as required under the rulemaking provisions in Article  
9 XI.

10 6. The Commission may convene in a closed, non-public  
11 meeting if the Commission must discuss:

12 a. Non-compliance of a Compact State with its  
13 obligations under the Compact;

14 b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other  
15 personnel matters, practices or procedures  
16 related to specific employees or other matters  
17 related to the Commission's internal personnel  
18 practices and procedures;

19 c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated  
20 litigation against the Commission;



- 1           d. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale  
2           of goods, services or real estate;  
3           e. Accusation against any person of a crime or  
4           formally censuring any person;  
5           f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or  
6           financial information which is privileged or  
7           confidential;  
8           g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature  
9           where disclosure would constitute a clearly  
10          unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;  
11          h. Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for  
12          law enforcement purposes;  
13          i. Disclosure of information related to any  
14          investigatory reports prepared by or on behalf of  
15          or for use of the Commission or other committee  
16          charged with responsibility for investigation or  
17          determination of compliance issues pursuant to  
18          the Compact; or  
19          j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by  
20          federal and state statute.



1           7. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed  
2           pursuant to this provision, the Commission's legal  
3           counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may  
4           be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting  
5           provision. The Commission shall keep minutes which  
6           fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a  
7           meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary  
8           of actions taken, of any person participating in the  
9           meeting, and the reasons therefore, including a  
10          description of the views expressed. All documents  
11          considered in connection with an action shall be  
12          identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents  
13          of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject  
14          to release only by a majority vote of the Commission  
15          or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

16          C. The Commission shall, by a majority vote of the  
17          Commissioners, prescribe Bylaws and/or Rules to govern its  
18          conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the  
19          purposes and exercise the powers of the Compact, including but  
20          not limited to:

21          1. Establishing the fiscal year of the Commission;



- 1           2. Providing reasonable standards and procedures:
  - 2               a. For the establishment and meetings of other
  - 3               committees; and
  - 4               b. Governing any general or specific delegation of
  - 5               any authority or function of the Commission;
- 6           3. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and
  - 7               conducting meetings of the Commission, ensuring
  - 8               reasonable advance notice of all meetings and
  - 9               providing an opportunity for attendance of such
  - 10              meetings by interested parties, with enumerated
  - 11              exceptions designed to protect the public's interest,
  - 12              the privacy of individuals of such proceedings, and
  - 13              proprietary information, including trade secrets. The
  - 14              Commission may meet in closed session only after a
  - 15              majority of the Commissioners vote to close a meeting
  - 16              to the public in whole or in part. As soon as
  - 17              practicable, the Commission must make public a copy of
  - 18              the vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of
  - 19              each Commissioner with no proxy votes allowed;



- 1           4. Establishing the titles, duties and authority and  
2           reasonable procedures for the election of the officers  
3           of the Commission;
- 4           5. Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the  
5           establishment of the personnel policies and programs  
6           of the Commission. Notwithstanding any civil service  
7           or other similar law of any Compact State, the Bylaws  
8           shall exclusively govern the personnel policies and  
9           programs of the Commission;
- 10          6. Promulgating a Code of Ethics to address permissible  
11          and prohibited activities of Commission members and  
12          employees;
- 13          7. Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of  
14          the Commission and the equitable disposition of any  
15          surplus funds that may exist after the termination of  
16          the Compact after the payment and/or reserving of all  
17          of its debts and obligations;
- 18          8. The Commission shall publish its Bylaws in a  
19          convenient form and file a copy thereof and a copy of  
20          any amendment thereto, with the appropriate agency or  
21          officer in each of the Compact States;



9. The Commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance with the Bylaws; and

10. The Commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact and the Bylaws.

D. The Commission shall have the following powers:

1. The authority to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. The rule shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all Compact States;

2. To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any State Psychology Regulatory Authority or other regulatory body responsible for psychology licensure to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

3. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

4. To borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a Compact State;





- 1           5. To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix  
2           compensation, define duties, grant such individuals  
3           appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the  
4           Compact, and to establish the Commission's personnel  
5           policies and programs relating to conflicts of  
6           interest, qualifications of personnel, and other  
7           related personnel matters;
- 8           6. To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants  
9           of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services,  
10          and to receive, utilize and dispose of the same;  
11          provided that at all times the Commission shall strive  
12          to avoid any appearance of impropriety and/or conflict  
13          of interest;
- 14          7. To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or  
15          donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or  
16          use, any property, real, personal or mixed; provided  
17          that at all times the Commission shall strive to avoid  
18          any appearance of impropriety;
- 19          8. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,  
20          abandon or otherwise dispose of any property real,  
21          personal or mixed;



9. To establish a budget and make expenditures;

10. To borrow money;

11. To appoint committees, including advisory committees comprised of Members, State regulators, State legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this Compact and the Bylaws;

12. To provide and receive information from, and to cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

13. To adopt and use an official seal; and

14. To perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact consistent with the state regulation of psychology licensure, temporary in-person, face-to-face practice and telepsychology practice.

E. The Executive Board

The elected officers shall serve as the Executive Board, which shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this Compact.

1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of six members:



1           a. Five voting members who are elected from the  
2           current membership of the Commission by the  
3           Commission; and

4           b. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from the  
5           recognized membership organization composed of  
6           State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory  
7           Authorities.

8       2. The ex-officio member must have served as staff or  
9       member on a State Psychology Regulatory Authority and  
10      will be selected by its respective organization.

11     3. The Commission may remove any member of the Executive  
12     Board as provided in Bylaws.

13     4. The Executive Board shall meet at least annually.

14     5. The Executive Board shall have the following duties  
15     and responsibilities:

16           a. Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the  
17           Rules or Bylaws, changes to this Compact  
18           legislation, fees paid by Compact States such as  
19           annual dues, and any other applicable fees;

20           b. Ensure Compact administration services are  
21           appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;



1 c. Prepare and recommend the budget;

2 d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the  
3 Commission;

4 e. Monitor Compact compliance of member states and  
5 provide compliance reports to the Commission;

6 f. Establish additional committees as necessary; and

7 g. Other duties as provided in Rules or Bylaws.

8 F. Financing of the Commission

9 1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment  
10 of the reasonable expenses of its establishment,  
11 organization and ongoing activities.

12 2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate  
13 revenue sources, donations and grants of money,  
14 equipment, supplies, materials and services.

15 3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual  
16 assessment from each Compact State or impose fees on  
17 other parties to cover the cost of the operations and  
18 activities of the Commission and its staff which must  
19 be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual  
20 budget as approved each year for which revenue is not  
21 provided by other sources. The aggregate annual



1           assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a  
2           formula to be determined by the Commission which shall  
3           promulgate a rule binding upon all Compact States.

4           4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind  
5           prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same;  
6           nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of  
7           the Compact States, except by and with the authority  
8           of the Compact State.

9           5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all  
10          receipts and disbursements. The receipts and  
11          disbursements of the Commission shall be subject to  
12          the audit and accounting procedures established under  
13          its Bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements  
14          of funds handled by the Commission shall be audited  
15          yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant  
16          and the report of the audit shall be included in and  
17          become part of the annual report of the Commission.

18          G. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

19          1. The members, officers, Executive Director, employees  
20          and representatives of the Commission shall be immune  
21          from suit and liability, either personally or in their



1 official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss  
2 of property or personal injury or other civil  
3 liability caused by or arising out of any actual or  
4 alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that  
5 the person against whom the claim is made had a  
6 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
7 scope of Commission employment, duties or  
8 responsibilities; provided that nothing in this  
9 paragraph shall be construed to protect any such  
10 person from suit and/or liability for any damage,  
11 loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or  
12 willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

13 2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer,  
14 Executive Director, employee or representative of the  
15 Commission in any civil action seeking to impose  
16 liability arising out of any actual or alleged act,  
17 error or omission that occurred within the scope of  
18 Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or  
19 that the person against whom the claim is made had a  
20 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
21 scope of Commission employment, duties or



1 responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall  
2 be construed to prohibit that person from retaining  
3 his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the  
4 actual or alleged act, error or omission did not  
5 result from that person's intentional or willful or  
6 wanton misconduct.

7 3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any  
8 member, officer, Executive Director, employee or  
9 representative of the Commission for the amount of any  
10 settlement or judgment obtained against that person  
11 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or  
12 omission that occurred within the scope of Commission  
13 employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such  
14 person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred  
15 within the scope of Commission employment, duties or  
16 responsibilities; provided that the actual or alleged  
17 act, error or omission did not result from the  
18 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that  
19 person.

20 **ARTICLE XI**

21 **RULEMAKING**



1           A. The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers  
2 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Article and the Rules  
3 adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding  
4 as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

5           B. If a majority of the legislatures of the Compact States  
6 rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the  
7 same manner used to adopt the Compact, then such rule shall have  
8 no further force and effect in any Compact State.

9           C. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a  
10 regular or special meeting of the Commission.

11           D. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or  
12 Rules by the Commission, and at least sixty (60) days in advance  
13 of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted  
14 upon, the Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

- 15           1. On the website of the Commission; and  
16           2. On the website of each Compact State's Psychology  
17           Regulatory Authority or the publication in which each  
18           state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

19           E. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

- 20           1. The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting  
21           in which the rule will be considered and voted upon;





2. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed rule;

3. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and

4. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

F. Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

G. The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is requested by:

1. At least twenty-five (25) persons who submit comments independently of each other;

2. A governmental subdivision or agency; or

3. A duly appointed person in an association that has at least twenty-five (25) members.

H. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the Commission shall publish the place, time, and date of the scheduled public hearing.



- 1           1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall  
2           notify the Executive Director of the Commission or  
3           other designated member in writing of their desire to  
4           appear and testify at the hearing not less than five  
5           (5) business days before the scheduled date of the  
6           hearing.
- 7           2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each  
8           person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable  
9           opportunity to comment orally or in writing.
- 10          3. No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a  
11          written request for a transcript is made, in which  
12          case the person requesting the transcript shall bear  
13          the cost of producing the transcript. A recording may  
14          be made in lieu of a transcript under the same terms  
15          and conditions as a transcript. This subsection shall  
16          not preclude the Commission from making a transcript  
17          or recording of the hearing if it so chooses.
- 18          4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as  
19          requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may  
20          be grouped for the convenience of the Commission at  
21          hearings required by this section.



1 I. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close  
2 of business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not  
3 held, the Commission shall consider all written and oral  
4 comments received.

5 J. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members,  
6 take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the  
7 effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking  
8 record and the full text of the rule.

9 K. If no written notice of intent to attend the public  
10 hearing by interested parties is received, the Commission may  
11 proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public  
12 hearing.

13 L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the  
14 Commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without  
15 prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that  
16 the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in  
17 this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon  
18 as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days  
19 after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this  
20 provision, an emergency rule is one that must be adopted  
21 immediately in order to:



- 1           1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
- 2           welfare;
- 3           2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Compact State funds;
- 4           3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an
- 5           administrative rule that is established by federal law
- 6           or rule; or
- 7           4. Protect public health and safety.

8           M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the  
9 Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or  
10 amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors,  
11 errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors.  
12 Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of  
13 the Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by  
14 any person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The  
15 revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision  
16 results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be  
17 made in writing, and delivered to the Chair of the Commission  
18 prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made,  
19 the revision will take effect without further action. If the  
20 revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without  
21 the approval of the Commission.



ARTICLE XII

OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

1. The Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of state government in each Compact State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the Compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this Compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as statutory law.
2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the Compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a Compact State pertaining to the subject matter of this Compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the Commission.
3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the Commission shall render a judgment or order void



1 as to the Commission, this Compact or promulgated  
2 rules.

3 B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

4 1. If the Commission determines that a Compact State has  
5 defaulted in the performance of its obligations or  
6 responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated  
7 rules, the Commission shall:

8 a. Provide written notice to the defaulting state  
9 and other Compact States of the nature of the  
10 default, the proposed means of remedying the  
11 default and/or any other action to be taken by  
12 the Commission; and

13 b. Provide remedial training and specific technical  
14 assistance regarding the default.

15 2. If a state in default fails to remedy the default, the  
16 defaulting state may be terminated from the Compact  
17 upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Compact  
18 States, and all rights, privileges and benefits  
19 conferred by this Compact shall be terminated on the  
20 effective date of termination. A remedy of the  
21 default does not relieve the offending state of



1 obligations or liabilities incurred during the period  
2 of default.

3 3. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be  
4 imposed only after all other means of securing  
5 compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to  
6 suspend or terminate shall be submitted by the  
7 Commission to the Governor, the majority and minority  
8 leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and  
9 each of the Compact States.

10 4. A Compact State which has been terminated is  
11 responsible for all assessments, obligations and  
12 liabilities incurred through the effective date of  
13 termination, including obligations which extend beyond  
14 the effective date of termination.

15 5. The Commission shall not bear any costs incurred by  
16 the state which is found to be in default or which has  
17 been terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon  
18 in writing between the Commission and the defaulting  
19 state.

20 6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the  
21 Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for



1 the state of Georgia or the federal district where the  
2 Compact has its principal offices. The prevailing  
3 member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation,  
4 including reasonable attorney's fees.

5 C. Dispute Resolution

6 1. Upon request by a Compact State, the Commission shall  
7 attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact  
8 which arise among Compact States and between Compact  
9 and Non-Compact States.

10 2. The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for  
11 both mediation and binding dispute resolution for  
12 disputes that arise before the Commission.

13 D. Enforcement

14 1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its  
15 discretion, shall enforce the provisions and Rules of  
16 this Compact.

17 2. By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal  
18 action in the United States District Court for the  
19 State of Georgia or the federal district where the  
20 Compact has its principal offices against a Compact  
21 State in default to enforce compliance with the





1 provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules  
2 and Bylaws. The relief sought may include both  
3 injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial  
4 enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member shall  
5 be awarded all costs of such litigation, including  
6 reasonable attorney's fees.

7 3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive  
8 remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue  
9 any other remedies available under federal or state  
10 law.

#### 11 ARTICLE XIII

#### 12 DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL 13 COMPACT COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND 14 AMENDMENTS

15 A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which  
16 the Compact is enacted into law in the seventh Compact State.  
17 The provisions which become effective at that time shall be  
18 limited to the powers granted to the Commission relating to  
19 assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the  
20 Commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary  
21 to the implementation and administration of the Compact.



1           B. Any state which joins the Compact subsequent to the  
2 Commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to  
3 the rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes  
4 law in that state. Any rule which has been previously adopted  
5 by the Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on  
6 the day the Compact becomes law in that state.

7           C. Any Compact State may withdraw from this Compact by  
8 enacting a statute repealing the same.

9           1. A Compact State's withdrawal shall not take effect  
10           until six (6) months after enactment of the repealing  
11           statute.

12          2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement  
13           of the withdrawing State's Psychology Regulatory  
14           Authority to comply with the investigative and adverse  
15           action reporting requirements of this act prior to the  
16           effective date of withdrawal.

17          D. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to  
18           invalidate or prevent any psychology licensure agreement or  
19           other cooperative arrangement between a Compact State and a Non-  
20           Compact State which does not conflict with the provisions of  
21           this Compact.



1 E. This Compact may be amended by the Compact States. No  
2 amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding  
3 upon any Compact State until it is enacted into the law of all  
4 Compact States.

5 **ARTICLE XIV**

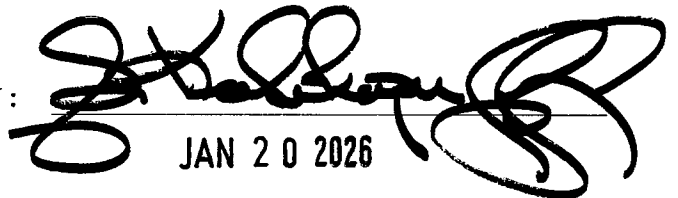
6 **CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY**

7 This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate  
8 the purposes thereof. If this Compact shall be held contrary to  
9 the constitution of any state member thereto, the Compact shall  
10 remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Compact  
11 States.

12 § -3. **Rules.** The department of commerce and consumer  
13 affairs shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for the  
14 purposes of implementing and administering this chapter."

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

16 INTRODUCED BY:

  
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# H.B. NO. 1704

**Report Title:**

DCCA; Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT);  
Adoption; Rules

**Description:**

Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Effective 1/1/2027.

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