An Act

To repeal sections 324.001, 334.040, 335.203, 335.300, 335.305, 335.310, 335.315, 335.320, 335.325, 335.330, 335.335, 335.340, 335.345, 335.350, 335.355, 336.020, 376.1237, and 630.175, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-two new sections relating to health care providers, with a contingent effective date for certain sections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 324.001, 334.040, 335.203, 335.300, 335.305, 335.310, 335.315, 335.320, 335.325, 335.330, 335.335, 335.340, 335.345, 335.350, 335.355, 336.020, 376.1237, and 630.175, RSMo, are repealed and thirty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 324.001, 334.040, 334.285, 334.1200, 334.1203, 334.1206, 334.1209, 334.1212, 334.1215, 334.1218, 334.1221, 334.1224, 334.1227, 334.1230, 334.1233, 335.203, 335.360, 335.365, 335.370, 335.375, 335.380, 335.385, 335.390, 335.395, 335.400, 335.405, 335.410, 335.415, 336.020, 338.202, 376.1237, and 630.175, to read as follows:

324.001. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Department", the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration;
(2) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration; and
(3) "Division", the division of professional registration.

2. There is hereby established a "Division of Professional Registration" assigned to the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration as a type III transfer, headed by a director appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. All of the general provisions, definitions and powers enumerated in section 1 of the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974 and Executive Order 06-04 shall apply to this department and its divisions, agencies, and personnel.

3. The director of the division of professional registration shall promulgate rules and regulations which designate for each board or commission assigned to the division the renewal date for licenses or certificates. After the initial establishment of renewal dates, no director of the division shall promulgate a rule or regulation which would change the renewal date for licenses or certificates if such change in renewal date would occur prior to the date on which the renewal date in effect at the time such new renewal date is specified next occurs. Each board or commission shall by rule or regulation establish licensing periods of one, two, or three years. Registration fees set by a board or commission shall be effective for the entire licensing period involved, and shall not be increased during any current licensing period. Persons who are required to pay their first registration fees shall be allowed to pay the pro rata share of such fees for the remainder of the period remaining at
the time the fees are paid. Each board or commission shall provide the necessary forms for initial registration, and thereafter the director may prescribe standard forms for renewal of licenses and certificates. Each board or commission shall by rule and regulation require each applicant to provide the information which is required to keep the board's records current. Each board or commission shall have the authority to collect and analyze information required to support workforce planning and policy development. Such information shall not be publicly disclosed so as to identify a specific health care provider, as defined in section 376.1350. Each board or commission shall issue the original license or certificate.

4. The division shall provide clerical and other staff services relating to the issuance and renewal of licenses for all the professional licensing and regulating boards and commissions assigned to the division. The division shall perform the financial management and clerical functions as they each relate to issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates. "Issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates" means the ministerial function of preparing and delivering licenses or certificates, and obtaining material and information for the board or commission in connection with the renewal thereof. It does not include any discretionary authority with regard to the original review of an applicant's qualifications for licensure or certification, or the subsequent review of licensee's or certificate holder's qualifications, or any disciplinary action contemplated against the licensee or certificate holder. The division may develop and implement microfilming systems and
automated or manual management information systems.

5. The director of the division shall maintain a system of accounting and budgeting, in cooperation with the director of the department, the office of administration, and the state auditor's office, to ensure proper charges are made to the various boards for services rendered to them. The general assembly shall appropriate to the division and other state agencies from each board's funds moneys sufficient to reimburse the division and other state agencies for all services rendered and all facilities and supplies furnished to that board.

6. For accounting purposes, the appropriation to the division and to the office of administration for the payment of rent for quarters provided for the division shall be made from the "Professional Registration Fees Fund", which is hereby created, and is to be used solely for the purpose defined in subsection 5 of this section. The fund shall consist of moneys deposited into it from each board's fund. Each board shall contribute a prorated amount necessary to fund the division for services rendered and rent based upon the system of accounting and budgeting established by the director of the division as provided in subsection 5 of this section. Transfers of funds to the professional registration fees fund shall be made by each board on July first of each year; provided, however, that the director of the division may establish an alternative date or dates of transfers at the request of any board. Such transfers shall be made until they equal the prorated amount for services rendered and rent by the division. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall
not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue.

7. The director of the division shall be responsible for collecting and accounting for all moneys received by the division or its component agencies. Any money received by a board or commission shall be promptly given, identified by type and source, to the director. The director shall keep a record by board and state accounting system classification of the amount of revenue the director receives. The director shall promptly transmit all receipts to the department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund. The director shall provide each board with all relevant financial information in a timely fashion. Each board shall cooperate with the director by providing necessary information.

8. All educational transcripts, test scores, complaints, investigatory reports, and information pertaining to any person who is an applicant or licensee of any agency assigned to the division of professional registration by statute or by the department are confidential and may not be disclosed to the public or any member of the public, except with the written consent of the person whose records are involved. The agency which possesses the records or information shall disclose the records or information if the person whose records or information is involved has consented to the disclosure. Each agency is entitled to the attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege to the same extent as any other person. Provided, however, that any board may disclose confidential information without the consent of the person involved in the course of voluntary interstate exchange of information, or in the course of
any litigation concerning that person, or pursuant to a lawful request, or to other administrative or law enforcement agencies acting within the scope of their statutory authority. Information regarding identity, including names and addresses, registration, and currency of the license of the persons possessing licenses to engage in a professional occupation and the names and addresses of applicants for such licenses is not confidential information.

9. Any deliberations conducted and votes taken in rendering a final decision after a hearing before an agency assigned to the division shall be closed to the parties and the public. Once a final decision is rendered, that decision shall be made available to the parties and the public.

10. A compelling governmental interest shall be deemed to exist for the purposes of section 536.025 for licensure fees to be reduced by emergency rule, if the projected fund balance of any agency assigned to the division of professional registration is reasonably expected to exceed an amount that would require transfer from that fund to general revenue.

11. (1) The following boards and commissions are assigned by specific type transfers to the division of professional registration: Missouri state board of accountancy, chapter 326; board of cosmetology and barber examiners, chapters 328 and 329; Missouri board for architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors and landscape architects, chapter 327; Missouri state board of chiropractic examiners, chapter 331; state board of registration for the healing arts, chapter 334; Missouri dental board, chapter 332; state board of embalmers and
funeral directors, chapter 333; state board of optometry, chapter 336; Missouri state board of nursing, chapter 335; board of pharmacy, chapter 338; state board of podiatric medicine, chapter 330; Missouri real estate appraisers commission, chapter 339; and Missouri veterinary medical board, chapter 340. The governor shall appoint members of these boards by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

(2) The boards and commissions assigned to the division shall exercise all their respective statutory duties and powers, except those clerical and other staff services involving collecting and accounting for moneys and financial management relating to the issuance and renewal of licenses, which services shall be provided by the division, within the appropriation therefor. Nothing herein shall prohibit employment of professional examining or testing services from professional associations or others as required by the boards or commissions on contract. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the power of a board or commission to expend its funds as appropriated. However, the division shall review the expense vouchers of each board. The results of such review shall be submitted to the board reviewed and to the house and senate appropriations committees annually.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the director of the division shall exercise only those management functions of the boards and commissions specifically provided in the Reorganization Act of 1974, and those relating to the allocation and assignment of space, personnel other than board personnel, and equipment.
(4) "Board personnel", as used in this section or chapters 317, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, and 345, shall mean personnel whose functions and responsibilities are in areas not related to the clerical duties involving the issuance and renewal of licenses, to the collecting and accounting for moneys, or to financial management relating to issuance and renewal of licenses; specifically included are executive secretaries (or comparable positions), consultants, inspectors, investigators, counsel, and secretarial support staff for these positions; and such other positions as are established and authorized by statute for a particular board or commission. Boards and commissions may employ legal counsel, if authorized by law, and temporary personnel if the board is unable to meet its responsibilities with the employees authorized above. Any board or commission which hires temporary employees shall annually provide the division director and the appropriation committees of the general assembly with a complete list of all persons employed in the previous year, the length of their employment, the amount of their remuneration, and a description of their responsibilities.

(5) Board personnel for each board or commission shall be employed by and serve at the pleasure of the board or commission, shall be supervised as the board or commission designates, and shall have their duties and compensation prescribed by the board or commission, within appropriations for that purpose, except that compensation for board personnel shall not exceed that established for comparable positions as determined by the board or commission pursuant to the job and pay plan of the department.
of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit salaries for any board personnel to be lowered except by board action.

12. All the powers, duties, and functions of the division of athletics, chapter 317, and others, are assigned by type I transfer to the division of professional registration.

13. Wherever the laws, rules, or regulations of this state make reference to the "division of professional registration of the department of economic development", such references shall be deemed to refer to the division of professional registration.

14. (1) The state board of nursing, board of pharmacy, Missouri dental board, state committee of psychologists, state board of chiropractic examiners, state board of optometry, Missouri board of occupational therapy, or state board of registration for the healing arts may individually or collectively enter into a contractual agreement with the department of health and senior services, a public institution of higher education, or a nonprofit entity for the purpose of collecting and analyzing workforce data from its licensees, registrants, or permit holders for future workforce planning and to assess the accessibility and availability of qualified health care services and practitioners in Missouri. The boards shall work collaboratively with other state governmental entities to ensure coordination and avoid duplication of efforts.

(2) The boards may expend appropriated funds necessary for operational expenses of the program formed under this subsection. Each board is authorized to accept grants to fund the collection
or analysis authorized in this subsection. Any such funds shall be deposited in the respective board's fund.

(3) Data collection shall be controlled and approved by the applicable state board conducting or requesting the collection. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 324.010 and 334.001, the boards may release identifying data to the contractor to facilitate data analysis of the health care workforce including, but not limited to, geographic, demographic, and practice or professional characteristics of licensees. The state board shall not request or be authorized to collect income or other financial earnings data.

(4) Data collected under this subsection shall be deemed the property of the state board requesting the data. Data shall be maintained by the state board in accordance with chapter 610, provided that any information deemed closed or confidential under subsection 8 of this section or any other provision of state law shall not be disclosed without consent of the applicable licensee or entity or as otherwise authorized by law. Data shall only be released in an aggregate form by geography, profession or professional specialization, or population characteristic in a manner that cannot be used to identify a specific individual or entity. Data suppression standards shall be addressed and established in the contractual agreement.

(5) Contractors shall maintain the security and confidentiality of data received or collected under this subsection and shall not use, disclose, or release any data without approval of the applicable state board. The contractual agreement between the applicable state board and contractor shall
establish a data release and research review policy to include legal and institutional review board, or agency equivalent, approval.

(6) Each board may promulgate rules subject to the provisions of this subsection and chapter 536 to effectuate and implement the workforce data collection and analysis authorized by this subsection. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

334.040. 1. Except as provided in section 334.260, all persons desiring to practice as physicians and surgeons in this state shall be examined as to their fitness to engage in such practice by the board. All persons applying for examination shall file a completed application with the board upon forms furnished by the board.

2. The examination shall be sufficient to test the applicant's fitness to practice as a physician and surgeon. The examination shall be conducted in such a manner as to conceal the identity of the applicant until all examinations have been scored. In all such examinations an average score of not less
than seventy-five percent is required to pass; provided, however, that the board may require applicants to take the Federation Licensing Examination, also known as FLEX, or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). If the FLEX examination is required, a weighted average score of no less than seventy-five is required to pass. Scores from one test administration of the FLEX examination shall not be combined or averaged with scores from other test administrations to achieve a passing score. [The passing score of the United States Medical Licensing Examination shall be determined by the board through rule and regulation.] Applicants graduating from a medical or osteopathic college, as defined in section 334.031 prior to January 1, 1994, shall provide proof of successful completion of the FLEX, USMLE, [an exam administered by] the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners [(NBOME),] Comprehensive Licensing Exam (COMLEX), a state board examination approved by the board, compliance with subsection 2 of section 334.031, or compliance with 20 CSR 2150-2.005. Applicants graduating from a medical or osteopathic college, as defined in section 334.031 on or after January 1, 1994, must provide proof of successful completion of the USMLE or [an exam administered by NBOME] the COMLEX or provide proof of compliance with subsection 2 of section 334.031. The board shall not issue a permanent license as a physician and surgeon or allow the Missouri state board examination to be administered to any applicant who has failed to achieve a passing score within three attempts on licensing examinations administered in one or more states or territories of the United States, the District of Columbia or Canada. The steps
one, two and three of the United States Medical Licensing Examination or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Comprehensive Licensing Exam shall be taken within a seven-year period with no more than three attempts on any step of the examination; however, the board may grant an extension of the seven-year period if the applicant has obtained a MD/PhD degree in a program accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and a regional university accrediting body or a DO/PhD degree accredited by the American Osteopathic Association and a regional university accrediting body. The board may waive the provisions of this section if the applicant is licensed to practice as a physician and surgeon in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or Canada and the applicant has achieved a passing score on a licensing examination administered in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and no license issued to the applicant has been disciplined in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia [and the applicant is certified in the applicant's area of specialty by the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Osteopathic Association, or other certifying agency approved by the board by rule].

3. If the board waives the provisions of this section, then the license issued to the applicant may be limited or restricted to the applicant's board specialty. The board shall not be permitted to favor any particular school or system of healing.

4. If an applicant has not actively engaged in the practice of clinical medicine or held a teaching or faculty position in a medical or osteopathic school approved by the American Medical
Association, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or the American Osteopathic Association for any two years in the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of his or her application for licensure, the board may require successful completion of another examination, continuing medical education, or further training before issuing a permanent license. The board shall adopt rules to prescribe the form and manner of such reexamination, continuing medical education, and training.

334.285. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Continuing medical education", continued postgraduate medical education intended to provide medical professionals with knowledge of new developments in their field;

(2) "Maintenance of certification", any process requiring periodic recertification examinations to maintain specialty medical board certification;

(3) "Maintenance of licensure", the Federation of State Medical Boards' proprietary framework for physician license renewal including additional periodic testing other than continuing medical education;

(4) "Specialty medical board certification", certification by a board that specializes in one particular area of medicine and typically requires additional and more strenuous exams than state board of registration for the healing arts requirements to practice medicine.

2. The state shall not require any form of maintenance of licensure as a condition of physician licensure including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to
maintenance of certification. Current requirements including continuing medical education shall suffice to demonstrate professional competency.

3. The state shall not require any form of specialty medical board certification or any maintenance of certification to practice medicine within the state. There shall be no discrimination by the state board of registration for the healing arts or any other state agency against physicians who do not maintain specialty medical board certification including recertification.

334.1200. PURPOSE

The purpose of this compact is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

This compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. Increase public access to physical therapy services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses;

2. Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

3. Encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating multistate physical therapy practice;

4. Support spouses of relocating military members;
5. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information between member states; and

6. Allow a remote state to hold a provider of services with a compact privilege in that state accountable to that state’s practice standards.

334.1203. DEFINITIONS

As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Active Duty Military" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211.

2. "Adverse Action" means disciplinary action taken by a physical therapy licensing board based upon misconduct, unacceptable performance, or a combination of both.

3. "Alternative Program" means a nondisciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a physical therapy licensing board. This includes, but is not limited to, substance abuse issues.

4. "Compact privilege" means the authorization granted by a remote state to allow a licensee from another member state to practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist assistant in the remote state under its laws and rules. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the member state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter.

5. "Continuing competence" means a requirement, as a condition of license renewal, to provide evidence of
participation in, and/or completion of, educational and
professional activities relevant to practice or area of work.

6. "Data system" means a repository of information about
licensees, including examination, licensure, investigative,
compact privilege, and adverse action.

7. "Encumbered license" means a license that a physical
therapy licensing board has limited in any way.

8. "Executive Board" means a group of directors elected or
appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to
them by, the commission.

9. "Home state" means the member state that is the
licensee's primary state of residence.

10. "Investigative information" means information, records,
and documents received or generated by a physical therapy
licensing board pursuant to an investigation.

11. "Jurisprudence requirement" means the assessment of an
individual's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the
practice of physical therapy in a state.

12. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds an
authorization from the state to practice as a physical therapist
or to work as a physical therapist assistant.

13. "Member state" means a state that has enacted the
compact.

14. "Party state" means any member state in which a
licensee holds a current license or compact privilege or is
applying for a license or compact privilege.

15. "Physical therapist" means an individual who is
licensed by a state to practice physical therapy.
16. "Physical therapist assistant" means an individual who is licensed/certified by a state and who assists the physical therapist in selected components of physical therapy.

17. "Physical therapy", "physical therapy practice", and "the practice of physical therapy" mean the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

18. "Physical therapy compact commission" or "commission" means the national administrative body whose membership consists of all states that have enacted the compact.

19. "Physical therapy licensing board" or "licensing board" means the agency of a state that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

20. "Remote state" means a member state other than the home state, where a licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise the compact privilege.

21. "Rule" means a regulation, principle, or directive promulgated by the commission that has the force of law.

22. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America that regulates the practice of physical therapy.

334.1206. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

A. To participate in the compact, a state must:

1. Participate fully in the commission's data system, including using the commission's unique identifier as defined in rules;

2. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and
investigating complaints about licensees;

3. Notify the commission, in compliance with the terms of
the compact and rules, of any adverse action or the availability
of investigative information regarding a licensee;

4. Fully implement a criminal background check requirement,
within a time frame established by rule, by receiving the results
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search on criminal
background checks and use the results in making licensure
decisions in accordance with section 334.1206.B.;

5. Comply with the rules of the commission;

6. Utilize a recognized national examination as a
requirement for licensure pursuant to the rules of the
commission; and

7. Have continuing competence requirements as a condition
for license renewal.

B. Upon adoption of sections 334.1200 to 334.1233, the
member state shall have the authority to obtain biometric-based
information from each physical therapy licensure applicant and
submit this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation
for a criminal background check in accordance with 28 U.S.C.
Section 534 and 42 U.S.C. Section 14616.

C. A member state shall grant the compact privilege to a
licensee holding a valid unencumbered license in another member
state in accordance with the terms of the compact and rules.

D. Member states may charge a fee for granting a compact
privilege.

334.1209. COMPACT PRIVILEGE

A. To exercise the compact privilege under the terms and
provisions of the compact, the licensee shall:

1. Hold a license in the home state;
2. Have no encumbrance on any state license;
3. Be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state
   in accordance with section 334.1209D, G and H;
4. Have not had any adverse action against any license or
   compact privilege within the previous 2 years;
5. Notify the commission that the licensee is seeking the
   compact privilege within a remote state(s);
6. Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for
   the compact privilege;
7. Meet any jurisprudence requirements established by the
   remote state(s) in which the licensee is seeking a compact
   privilege; and
8. Report to the commission adverse action taken by any
   nonmember state within thirty days from the date the adverse
   action is taken.

B. The compact privilege is valid until the expiration date
   of the home license. The licensee must comply with the
   requirements of section 334.1209A to maintain the compact
   privilege in the remote state.

C. A licensee providing physical therapy in a remote state
   under the compact privilege shall function within the laws and
   regulations of the remote state.

D. A licensee providing physical therapy in a remote state
   is subject to that state's regulatory authority. A remote state
   may, in accordance with due process and that state's laws, remove
   a licensee's compact privilege in the remote state for a specific
period of time, impose fines, and/or take any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens. The licensee is not eligible for a compact privilege in any state until the specific time for removal has passed and all fines are paid.

E. If a home state license is encumbered, the licensee shall lose the compact privilege in any remote state until the following occur:

1. The home state license is no longer encumbered; and
2. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse action.

F. Once an encumbered license in the home state is restored to good standing, the licensee must meet the requirements of section 334.1209A to obtain a compact privilege in any remote state.

G. If a licensee’s compact privilege in any remote state is removed, the individual shall lose the compact privilege in any remote state until the following occur:

1. The specific period of time for which the compact privilege was removed has ended;
2. All fines have been paid; and
3. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse action.

H. Once the requirements of section 334.1209G have been met, the license must meet the requirements in section 334.1209A to obtain a compact privilege in a remote state.

334.1212. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR THEIR SPOUSES A licensee who is active duty military or is the spouse of
an individual who is active duty military may designate one of
the following as the home state:

A. Home of record;
B. Permanent change of station (PCS); or
C. State of current residence if it is different than the
PCS state or home of record.

334.1215. ADVERSE ACTIONS

A. A home state shall have exclusive power to impose
adverse action against a license issued by the home state.

B. A home state may take adverse action based on the
investigative information of a remote state, so long as the home
state follows its own procedures for imposing adverse action.

C. Nothing in this compact shall override a member state’s
decision that participation in an alternative program may be used
in lieu of adverse action and that such participation shall
remain nonpublic if required by the member state's laws. Member
states must require licensees who enter any alternative programs
in lieu of discipline to agree not to practice in any other
member state during the term of the alternative program without
prior authorization from such other member state.

D. Any member state may investigate actual or alleged
violations of the statutes and rules authorizing the practice of
physical therapy in any other member state in which a physical
therapist or physical therapist assistant holds a license or
compact privilege.

E. A remote state shall have the authority to:

1. Take adverse actions as set forth in section 334.1209.D.
against a licensee's compact privilege in the state;
2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a physical therapy licensing board in a party state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and/or the production of evidence from another party state, shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the state where the witnesses and/or evidence are located; and

3. If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the licensee the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that licensee.

F. Joint Investigations

1. In addition to the authority granted to a member state by its respective physical therapy practice act or other applicable state law, a member state may participate with other member states in joint investigations of licensees.

2. Member states shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under the compact.

334.1218. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT COMMISSION.

A. The compact member states hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the physical therapy compact commission:
1. The commission is an instrumentality of the compact states.

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

3. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

1. Each member state shall have and be limited to one delegate selected by that member state's licensing board.

2. The delegate shall be a current member of the licensing board, who is a physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, public member, or the board administrator.

3. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from which the delegate is appointed.

4. The member state board shall fill any vacancy occurring in the commission.

5. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote with regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the commission.

6. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of
communication.

7. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the bylaws.

C. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Establish the fiscal year of the commission;
2. Establish bylaws;
3. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;
4. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws;
5. Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all member states;
6. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the commission, provided that the standing of any state physical therapy licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;
7. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;
8. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;
9. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and to establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel,
and other related personnel matters;

10. Accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to receive, utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and/or conflict of interest;

11. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

12. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

13. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

14. Borrow money;

15. Appoint committees, including standing 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;

16. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

17. Establish and elect an executive board; and

18. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with the state regulation of physical therapy licensure and practice.

D. The Executive Board
The executive board 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 nine members:
   a. Seven voting members who are elected by the commission from the current membership of the commission;
   b. One ex officio, nonvoting member from the recognized national physical therapy professional association; and
   c. One ex officio, nonvoting member from the recognized membership organization of the physical therapy licensing boards.

2. The ex officio members will be selected by their respective organizations.

3. The commission may remove any member of the executive board as provided in bylaws.

4. The executive board shall meet at least annually.

5. The executive board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
   a. Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this compact legislation, fees paid by compact member states such as annual dues, and any commission compact fee charged to licensees for the compact privilege;
   b. Ensure compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;
   c. Prepare and recommend the budget;
   d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;
   e. Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the commission;
   f. Establish additional committees as necessary; and
   g. Other duties as provided in rules or bylaws.
E. Meetings of the Commission

1. All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in section 334.1224.

2. The commission or the executive board or other committees of the commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the commission or executive board or other committees of the commission must discuss:

   a. Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations under the compact;

   b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

   c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

   d. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

   e. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

   f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

   g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

   h. Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

   i. Disclosure of information related to any investigative
reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact; or

j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or member state statute.

3. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision.

4. The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

F. Financing of the Commission

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

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

3. The commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the
commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.

4. The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member state.

5. The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the commission.

G. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this
paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit
and/or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability
caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that
person.

2. The commission shall defend any member, officer,
executive director, employee or representative of the commission
in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of
any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred
within the scope of commission employment, duties, or
responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is
made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities;
provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that
person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided
further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did
not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton
misconduct.

3. The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any
member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative
of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment
obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged
act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of
commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such
person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities,
provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did
not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct
of that person.
A. The commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a member state shall submit a uniform data set to the data system on all individuals to whom this compact is applicable as required by the rules of the commission, including:

1. Identifying information;
2. Licensure data;
3. Adverse actions against a license or compact privilege;
4. Nonconfidential information related to alternative program participation;
5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial; and
6. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this compact, as determined by the rules of the commission.

C. Investigative information pertaining to a licensee in any member state will only be available to other party states.

D. The commission shall promptly notify all member states of any adverse action taken against a licensee or an individual applying for a license. Adverse action information pertaining to a licensee in any member state will be available to any other member state.

E. Member states contributing information to the data system may designate information that may not be shared with the
public without the express permission of the contributing state.

F. Any information submitted to the data system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the member state contributing the information shall be removed from the data system.

334.1224. RULEMAKING

A. The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

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

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

D. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the commission, and at least thirty days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

1. On the website of the commission or other publicly accessible platform; and

2. On the website of each member state physical therapy licensing board or other publicly accessible platform or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

E. The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:
1. The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting 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 persons;

2. A state or federal governmental subdivision or agency;

or

3. An association having at least twenty-five 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. If the hearing is held via electronic means, the commission shall publish the mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.

1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the executive director of the commission or other designated member in writing of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less than five business days before
the scheduled date of the hearing.

2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.

3. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording will be made available on request.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.

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

J. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by interested parties is received, the commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.

K. The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the rule.

L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety days after the
effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;
2. Prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;
3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by federal law or rule;

or

4. Protect public health and safety.

M. The commission or an authorized committee of the commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing, and delivered to the chair of the commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the commission.

334.1227. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

1. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government in each member 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 member 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 as to the commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

1. If the commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the commission shall:
   a. Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of curing the default and/or any other action to be taken by the commission; and
   b. Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact upon an
affirmative vote of a majority of the member states, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

3. Termination of membership in the 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, and each of the member states.

4. A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

5. The commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the commission and the defaulting state.

6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

C. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a member state, the commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise
among member states and between member and nonmember states.

2. The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

D. Enforcement

1. The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this compact.

2. By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices against a member state in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the commission. The commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or state law.

334.1230. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE AND ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT

A. The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state. The provisions, which become effective at that time, shall be limited to the powers granted to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the
commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary to
the implementation and administration of the compact.

B. Any state that joins the compact subsequent to the
commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to
the rules as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes
law in that state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by
the commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the
day the compact becomes law in that state.

C. Any member state may withdraw from this compact by
enacting a statute repealing the same.

1. A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until
six months after enactment of the repealing statute.

2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement
of the withdrawing state's physical therapy licensing board to
comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting
requirements of this act prior to the effective date of
withdrawal.

D. Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to
invalidate or prevent any physical therapy licensure agreement or
other cooperative arrangement between a member state and a
nonmember state that does not conflict with the provisions of
this compact.

E. This compact may be amended by the member states. No
amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding upon
any member state until it is enacted into the laws of all member
states.

334.1233. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY
This compact shall be liberally construed so as to
effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any party state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party state affected as to all severable matters.

335.203. 1. There is hereby established the "Nursing Education Incentive Program" within the [department of higher education] state board of nursing.

2. Subject to appropriation and board disbursement, grants shall be awarded through the nursing education incentive program to eligible institutions of higher education based on criteria jointly determined by the board and the department of higher education. Grant award amounts shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. No campus shall receive more than one grant per year.

3. To be considered for a grant, an eligible institution of higher education shall offer a program of nursing that meets the predetermined category and area of need as established by the board and the department under subsection 4 of this section.

4. The board and the department shall determine categories and areas of need for designating grants to eligible institutions
of higher education. In establishing categories and areas of need, the board and department may consider criteria including, but not limited to:

   (1) Data generated from licensure renewal data and the department of health and senior services; and

   (2) National nursing statistical data and trends that have identified nursing shortages.

5. The [department] board shall be the administrative agency responsible for implementation of the program established under sections 335.200 to 335.203, and shall promulgate reasonable rules for the exercise of its functions and the effectuation of the purposes of sections 335.200 to 335.203. The [department] board shall, by rule, prescribe the form, time, and method of filing applications and shall supervise the processing of such applications.

6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2011, shall be invalid and void.

335.360. 1. The party states find that:

   (1) The health and safety of the public are affected by the
degree of compliance with and the effectiveness of enforcement
activities related to state nurse licensure laws;

(2) Violations of nurse licensure and other laws regulating
the practice of nursing may result in injury or harm to the
public;

(3) The expanded mobility of nurses and the use of advanced
communication technologies as part of our nation's health care
delivery system require greater coordination and cooperation
among states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;

(4) New practice modalities and technology make compliance
with individual state nurse licensure laws difficult and complex;

(5) The current system of duplicative licensure for nurses
practicing in multiple states is cumbersome and redundant to both
nurses and states; and

(6) Uniformity of nurse licensure requirements throughout
the states promotes public safety and public health benefits.

2. The general purposes of this compact are to:

(1) Facilitate the states' responsibility to protect the
public's health and safety;

(2) Ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states in
the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;

(3) Facilitate the exchange of information between party
states in the areas of nurse regulation, investigation, and
adverse actions;

(4) Promote compliance with the laws governing the practice
of nursing in each jurisdiction;

(5) Invest all party states with the authority to hold a
nurse accountable for meeting all state practice laws in the
state in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered through the mutual recognition of party state licenses;
(6) Decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of nurse licenses; and
(7) Provide opportunities for interstate practice by nurses who meet uniform licensure requirements.

335.365. As used in this compact, the following terms shall mean:
(1) "Adverse action", any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by a state's laws which is imposed by a licensing board or other authority against a nurse, including actions against an individual's license or multistate licensure privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice, or any other encumbrance on licensure affecting a nurse's authorization to practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action;
(2) "Alternative program", a nondisciplinary monitoring program approved by a licensing board;
(3) "Coordinated licensure information system", an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on nurse licensure and enforcement activities related to nurse licensure laws that is administered by a nonprofit organization composed of and controlled by licensing boards;
(4) "Current significant investigative information":
(a) Investigative information that a licensing board, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the nurse to respond, if required by state law,
has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or

(b) Investigative information that indicates that the nurse represents an immediate threat to public health and safety, regardless of whether the nurse has been notified and had an opportunity to respond;

(5) "Encumbrance", a revocation or suspension of, or any limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of nursing imposed by a licensing board;

(6) "Home state", the party state which is the nurse's primary state of residence;

(7) "Licensing board", a party state's regulatory body responsible for issuing nurse licenses;

(8) "Multistate license", a license to practice as a registered nurse, "RN", or a licensed practical or vocational nurse, "LPN" or "VN", issued by a home state licensing board that authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege;

(9) "Multistate licensure privilege", a legal authorization associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of nursing as either an RN, LPN, or VN in a remote state;

(10) "Nurse", an RN, LPN, or VN, as those terms are defined by each party state's practice laws;

(11) "Party state", any state that has adopted this compact;

(12) "Remote state", a party state, other than the home state;

(13) "Single-state license", a nurse license issued by a
party state that authorizes practice only within the issuing
state and does not include a multistate licensure privilege to
practice in any other party state;

(14) "State", a state, territory, or possession of the
United States and the District of Columbia;

(15) "State practice laws", a party state's laws, rules,
and regulations that govern the practice of nursing, define the
scope of nursing practice, and create the methods and grounds for
imposing discipline. State practice laws do not include
requirements necessary to obtain and retain a license, except for
qualifications or requirements of the home state.

335.370. 1. A multistate license to practice registered or
licensed practical or vocational nursing issued by a home state
to a resident in that state shall be recognized by each party
state as authorizing a nurse to practice as a registered nurse,
"RN", or as a licensed practical or vocational nurse, "LPN" or
"VN", under a multistate licensure privilege, in each party
state.

2. A state must implement procedures for considering the
criminal history records of applicants for initial multistate
license or licensure by endorsement. Such procedures shall
include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based
information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an
applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal
Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining
that state's criminal records.

3. Each party state shall require the following for an
applicant to obtain or retain a multistate license in the home
(1) Meets the home state's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure as well as all other applicable state laws;

(2) (a) Has graduated or is eligible to graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN or VN prelicensure education program; or

(b) Has graduated from a foreign RN or LPN or VN prelicensure education program that has been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country and has been verified by an independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a licensing board-approved prelicensure education program;

(3) Has, if a graduate of a foreign prelicensure education program not taught in English or if English is not the individual's native language, successfully passed an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing, and listening;

(4) Has successfully passed an NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination or recognized predecessor, as applicable;

(5) Is eligible for or holds an active, unencumbered license;

(6) Has submitted, in connection with an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement, fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records;

(7) Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered
into an agreed disposition, of a felony offense under applicable state or federal criminal law;

(8) Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into an agreed disposition, of a misdemeanor offense related to the practice of nursing as determined on a case-by-case basis;
(9) Is not currently enrolled in an alternative program;
(10) Is subject to self-disclosure requirements regarding current participation in an alternative program; and
(11) Has a valid United States Social Security number.

4. All party states shall be authorized, in accordance with existing state due process law, to take adverse action against a nurse's multistate licensure privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation, or any other action that affects a nurse's authorization to practice under a multistate licensure privilege, including cease and desist actions. If a party state takes such action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system. The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the home state of any such actions by remote states.

5. A nurse practicing in a party state shall comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the client is located at the time service is provided. The practice of nursing is not limited to patient care, but shall include all nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of the party state in which the client is located. The practice of nursing in a party state under a multistate licensure privilege shall subject a nurse to the jurisdiction of the licensing board, the courts, and the laws of the party state in which the client is located at
the time service is provided.

6. Individuals not residing in a party state shall continue to be able to apply for a party state's single-state license as provided under the laws of each party state. However, the single-state license granted to these individuals shall not be recognized as granting the privilege to practice nursing in any other party state. Nothing in this compact shall affect the requirements established by a party state for the issuance of a single-state license.

7. Any nurse holding a home state multistate license on the effective date of this compact may retain and renew the multistate license issued by the nurse's then current home state, provided that:

   (1) A nurse who changes primary state of residence after this compact's effective date shall meet all applicable requirements as provided in subsection 3 of this section to obtain a multistate license from a new home state;

   (2) A nurse who fails to satisfy the multistate licensure requirements in subsection 3 of this section due to a disqualifying event occurring after this compact's effective date shall be ineligible to retain or renew a multistate license, and the nurse's multistate license shall be revoked or deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators commission.

335.375. 1. Upon application for a multistate license, the licensing board in the issuing party state shall ascertain, through the coordinated licensure information system, whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of, a license issued by
any other state, whether there are any encumbrances on any license or multistate licensure privilege held by the applicant, whether any adverse action has been taken against any license or multistate licensure privilege held by the applicant, and whether the applicant is currently participating in an alternative program.

2. A nurse shall hold a multistate license, issued by the home state, in only one party state at a time.

3. If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving between two party states, the nurse shall apply for licensure in the new home state, and the multistate license issued by the prior home state shall be deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the commission.

   (1) The nurse may apply for licensure in advance of a change in primary state of residence.

   (2) A multistate license shall not be issued by the new home state until the nurse provides satisfactory evidence of a change in primary state of residence to the new home state and satisfies all applicable requirements to obtain a multistate license from the new home state.

4. If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving from a party state to a non-party state, the multistate license issued by the prior home state shall convert to a single-state license, valid only in the former home state.

335.380. 1. In addition to the other powers conferred by state law, a licensing board shall have the authority to:

   (1) Take adverse action against a nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice within that party state;
(a) Only the home state shall have the power to take adverse action against a nurse's license issued by the home state;

(b) For purposes of taking adverse action, the home state licensing board shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a remote state as it would if such conduct had occurred within the home state. In so doing, the home state shall apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action;

(2) Issue cease and desist orders or impose an encumbrance on a nurse's authority to practice within that party state;

(3) Complete any pending investigations of a nurse who changes primary state of residence during the course of such investigations. The licensing board shall also have the authority to take appropriate action and shall promptly report the conclusions of such investigations to the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system. The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the new home state of any such actions;

(4) Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a licensing board in a party state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another party state shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees,
travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the state in which the witnesses or evidence are located;

(5) Obtain and submit, for each nurse licensure applicant, fingerprint or other biometric based information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background checks, receive the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search on criminal background checks, and use the results in making licensure decisions;

(6) If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the affected nurse the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that nurse; and

(7) Take adverse action based on the factual findings of the remote state; provided that, the licensing board follows its own procedures for taking such adverse action.

2. If adverse action is taken by the home state against a nurse's multistate license, the nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice in all other party states shall be deactivated until all encumbrances have been removed from the multistate license. All home state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action against a nurse's multistate license shall include a statement that the nurse's multistate licensure privilege is deactivated in all party states during the pendency of the order.

3. Nothing in this compact shall override a party state's decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action. The home state licensing board shall
deactivate the multistate licensure privilege under the multistate license of any nurse for the duration of the nurse's participation in an alternative program.

335.385. 1. All party states shall participate in a coordinated licensure information system of all licensed registered nurses, "RNs", and licensed practical or vocational nurses, "LPNs" or "VNs". This system shall include information on the licensure and disciplinary history of each nurse, as submitted by party states, to assist in the coordination of nurse licensure and enforcement efforts.

2. The commission, in consultation with the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system, shall formulate necessary and proper procedures for the identification, collection, and exchange of information under this compact.

3. All licensing boards shall promptly report to the coordinated licensure information system any adverse action, any current significant investigative information, denials of applications with the reasons for such denials, and nurse participation in alternative programs known to the licensing board regardless of whether such participation is deemed nonpublic or confidential under state law.

4. Current significant investigative information and participation in nonpublic or confidential alternative programs shall be transmitted through the coordinated licensure information system only to party state licensing boards.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all party state licensing boards contributing information to the coordinated licensure information system may designate
6. Any personally identifiable information obtained from the coordinated licensure information system by a party state licensing board shall not be shared with non-party states or disclosed to other entities or individuals except to the extent permitted by the laws of the party state contributing the information.

7. Any information contributed to the coordinated licensure information system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the party state contributing that information shall also be expunged from the coordinated licensure information system.

8. The compact administrator of each party state shall furnish a uniform data set to the compact administrator of each other party state, which shall include, at a minimum:

   (1) Identifying information;

   (2) Licensure data;

   (3) Information related to alternative program participation; and

   (4) Other information that may facilitate the administration of this compact, as determined by commission rules.

9. The compact administrator of a party state shall provide all investigative documents and information requested by another party state.

335.390. 1. The party states hereby create and establish a
joint public entity known as the "Interstate Commission of Nurse
Licensure Compact Administrators".

(1) The commission is an instrumentality of the party
states.

(2) Venue is proper, and judicial proceedings by or against
the commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court
of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the
commission is located. The commission may waive venue and
jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to
participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

(3) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a
waiver of sovereign immunity.

2. (1) Each party state shall have and be limited to one
administrator. The head of the state licensing board or designee
shall be the administrator of this compact for each party state.
Any administrator may be removed or suspended from office as
provided by the law of the state from which the administrator is
appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the commission shall be
filled in accordance with the laws of the party state in which
the vacancy exists.

(2) Each administrator shall be entitled to one vote with
regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and
shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the
business and affairs of the commission. An administrator shall
vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws.
The bylaws may provide for an administrator's participation in
meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

(3) The commission shall meet at least once during each
calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in
the bylaws or rules of the commission.

(4) All meetings shall be open to the public, and public
notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required
under the rulemaking provisions in section 335.395.

(5) The commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic
meeting if the commission must discuss:

(a) Noncompliance of a party state with its obligations
under this compact;

(b) The employment, compensation, discipline, or other
personnel matters, practices, or procedures related to specific
employees, or other matters related to the commission's internal
personnel practices and procedures;

(c) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
litigation;

(d) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of
goods, services, or real estate;

(e) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring
any person;

(f) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial
information that is privileged or confidential;

(g) Disclosure of information of a personal nature where
disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of
personal privacy;

(h) Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law
enforcement purposes;

(i) Disclosure of information related to any reports
prepared by or on behalf of the commission for the purpose of
(j) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or state statute.

(6) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection, the commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting shall be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision. The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefor, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

3. The commission shall, by a majority vote of the administrators, prescribe bylaws or rules to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and exercise the powers of this compact including, but not limited to:

(1) Establishing the fiscal year of the commission;

(2) Providing reasonable standards and procedures:

(a) For the establishment and meetings of other committees; and

(b) Governing any general or specific delegation of any authority or function of the commission;

(3) Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the commission, ensuring reasonable
advance notice of all meetings and providing an opportunity for attendance of such meetings by interested parties, with enumerated exceptions designed to protect the public's interest, the privacy of individuals, and proprietary information, including trade secrets. The commission may meet in closed session only after a majority of the administrators vote to close a meeting in whole or in part. As soon as practicable, the commission must make public a copy of the vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of each administrator, with no proxy votes allowed;

(4) Establishing the titles, duties, and authority and reasonable procedures for the election of the officers of the commission;

(5) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other similar laws of any party state, the bylaws shall exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of the commission; and

(6) Providing a mechanism for winding up the operations of the commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the termination of this compact after the payment or reserving of all of its debts and obligations.

4. The commission shall publish its bylaws and rules, and any amendments thereto, in a convenient form on the website of the commission.

5. The commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws.

6. The commission shall meet and take such actions as are
consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws.

7. The commission shall have the following powers:

   (1) To promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all party states;

   (2) To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the commission; provided that, the standing of any licensing board 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 party state or nonprofit organizations;

   (5) To cooperate with other organizations that administer state compacts related to the regulation of nursing including, but not limited to, sharing administrative or staff expenses, office space, or other resources;

   (6) To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of this compact, and to establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

   (7) To accept any and all appropriate donations, grants and gifts of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that, at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of
impropriety or conflict of interest;

(8) To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or
donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use, any
property, whether real, personal, or mixed; provided that, at all
times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;
(9) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, whether real,
personal, or mixed;
(10) To establish a budget and make expenditures;
(11) To borrow money;
(12) To appoint committees, including advisory committees
comprised of administrators, state nursing regulators, state
legislators or their representatives, consumer representatives,
and other such interested persons;
(13) To provide and receive information from, and to
cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;
(14) To adopt and use an official seal; and
(15) To perform such other functions as may be necessary or
appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent
with the state regulation of nurse licensure and practice.

8. (1) The commission shall pay, or provide for the
payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,
organization, and ongoing activities.
(2) The commission may also levy on and collect an annual
assessment from each party state to cover the cost of its
operations, activities, and staff in its annual budget as
approved each year. The aggregate annual assessment amount, if
any, shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by
the commission, which shall promulgate a rule that is binding upon all party states.

(3) The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any of the party states, except by and with the authority of such party state.

(4) The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the commission.

9. (1) The administrators, officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property, personal injury, or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred, within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct of that person.

(2) The commission shall defend any administrator, officer,
executive director, employee, or representative of the commission
in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of
any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred
within the scope of commission employment, duties, or
responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is
made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities;
provided that, nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that
person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided
further that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did
not result from that person's intentional, willful, or wanton
misconduct.

(3) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any
administrator, officer, executive director, employee, or
representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement
or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any
actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within
the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities,
or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred
within the scope of commission employment, duties, or
responsibilities; provided that, the actual or alleged act,
error, or omission did not result from the intentional, willful,
or wanton misconduct of that person.

335.395. 1. The commission shall exercise its rulemaking
powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this section and the
rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become
binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment and
shall have the same force and effect as provisions of this
compact.

2. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the commission.

3. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the commission, and at least sixty days in advance of the meeting at which the rule shall be considered and voted upon, the commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

   (1) On the website of the commission; and
   (2) On the website of each licensing board or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

4. The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:

   (1) The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in which the rule shall 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;
   (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.

5. 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.

6. The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment.

7. The commission shall publish the place, time, and date of the scheduled public hearing.
(1) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing. All hearings shall be recorded, and a copy shall be made available upon request.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.

8. If no one appears at the public hearing, the commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule.

9. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held, the commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.

10. The commission shall, by majority vote of all administrators, take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the rule.

11. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing; provided that, the usual rulemaking procedures provided in this compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety days after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that shall be adopted immediately in order to:

(1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
welfare;
(2) Prevent a loss of commission or party state funds; or
(3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is required by federal law or rule.

12. The commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty days after posting. The revision shall be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and delivered to the commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision shall take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision shall not take effect without the approval of the commission.

335.400. 1. (1) Each party state shall enforce this compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate this compact's purposes and intent.
(2) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding that may affect the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the commission, and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process in such proceeding to the commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.

2. (1) If the commission determines that a party state has
defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the commission shall:

(a) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other party 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

(b) Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

(2) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state's membership in this compact shall be terminated upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the administrators, and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by this compact shall be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

(3) 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 of the defaulting state, to the executive officer of the defaulting state's licensing board, and each of the party states.

(4) A state whose membership in this compact has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

(5) The commission shall not bear any costs related to a
state that is found to be in default or whose membership in this
compact has been terminated unless agreed upon in writing between
the commission and the defaulting state.

(6) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the
commission by petitioning the United States District Court for
the District of Columbia or the federal district in which the
commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall
be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable
attorneys' fees.

3. (1) Upon request by a party state, the commission shall
attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise
among party states and between party and non-party states.

(2) The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for
both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes, as
appropriate.

(3) In the event the commission cannot resolve disputes
among party states arising under this compact:

(a) The party states shall submit the issues in dispute to
an arbitration panel, which shall be comprised of individuals
appointed by the compact administrator in each of the affected
party states and an individual mutually agreed upon by the
compact administrators of all the party states involved in the
dispute.

(b) The decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall be
final and binding.

4. (1) The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its
discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this
compact.
(2) By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal
action in the United States District Court for the District of
Columbia or the federal district in which the commission has its
principal offices against a party state that is in default to
enforce compliance with the provisions of this compact and its
promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both
injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement
is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of
such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

(3) The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies
of the commission. The commission may pursue any other remedies
available under federal or state law.

335.405. 1. This compact shall become effective and
binding on the earlier of the date of legislative enactment of
this compact into law by no less than twenty-six states or
December 31, 2018. All party states to this compact that also
were parties to the prior Nurse Licensure Compact superseded by
this compact "prior compact" shall be deemed to have withdrawn
from said prior compact within six months after the effective
date of this compact.

2. Each party state to this compact shall continue to
recognize a nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice in
that party state issued under the prior compact until such party
state has withdrawn from the prior compact.

3. Any party state may withdraw from this compact by
enacting a statute repealing the same. A party state's
withdrawal shall not take effect until six months after enactment
of the repealing statute.
4. A party state's withdrawal or termination shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing or terminated state's licensing board to report adverse actions and significant investigations occurring prior to the effective date of such withdrawal or termination.

5. Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any nurse licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a party state and a non-party state that is made in accordance with the other provisions of this compact.

6. This compact may be amended by the party states. No amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding upon the party states unless and until it is enacted into the laws of all party states.

7. Representatives of non-party states to this compact shall be invited to participate in the activities of the commission on a nonvoting basis prior to the adoption of this compact by all states.

335.410. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any
party state, this compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party state affected as to all severable matters.

335.415. 1. The term "head of the nurse licensing board" as referred to in section 335.390 of this compact shall mean the executive director of the Missouri state board of nursing.

2. This compact is designed to facilitate the regulation of nurses, and does not relieve employers from complying with statutorily imposed obligations.

3. This compact does not supersede existing state labor laws.

336.020. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice, to attempt to practice, or to offer to practice optometry, or to be employed by any person, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity that practice or attempts to practice without a license as an optometrist issued by the board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person licensed or registered under chapter 334 whose license is in good standing from acting within the scope of his or her practice or a person licensed as an optometrist in any state to serve as an expert witness in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding or optometry students in any accredited optometry school from training in the practice of optometry under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under chapter 334 or an optometrist licensed under chapter 336.

338.202. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, unless the prescriber has specified on the prescription that dispensing a prescription for a maintenance
medication in an initial amount followed by periodic refills is medically necessary, a pharmacist may exercise his or her professional judgment to dispense varying quantities of maintenance medication per fill up to the total number of dosage units as authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription, including any refills. Dispensing of the maintenance medication based on refills authorized by the prescriber on the prescription shall be limited to no more than a ninety-day supply of the medication, and the maintenance medication shall have been previously prescribed to the patient for at least a three-month period.

2. For the purposes of this section "maintenance medication" is a medication prescribed for chronic, long-term conditions and is taken on a regular, recurring basis, except that it shall not include controlled substances as defined in section 195.010.

376.1237. 1. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014, and that provides coverage for prescription eye drops shall provide coverage for the refilling of an eye drop prescription prior to the last day of the prescribed dosage period without regard to a coverage restriction for early refill of prescription renewals as long as the prescribing health care provider authorizes such early refill, and the health carrier or the health benefit plan is notified.

2. For the purposes of this section, health carrier and health benefit plan shall have the same meaning as defined in
section 376.1350.

3. The coverage required by this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the health benefit plan.

4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy, including a life care contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing a fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, short-term major medical policies of six months' or less duration, or any other supplemental policy as determined by the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration.


630.175. 1. No person admitted on a voluntary or involuntary basis to any mental health facility or mental health program in which people are civilly detained pursuant to chapter 632 and no patient, resident or client of a residential facility or day program operated, funded or licensed by the department shall be subject to physical or chemical restraint, isolation or seclusion unless it is determined by the head of the facility, the attending licensed physician, or in the circumstances specifically set forth in this section, by an advanced practice registered nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement, or a physician assistant or an assistant physician with a supervision agreement, with the attending licensed physician that the chosen intervention is imminently necessary to protect the health and safety of the patient, resident, client or others and that it
provides the least restrictive environment. An advanced practice
registered nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement, or a
physician assistant or an assistant physician with a supervision
agreement, with the attending licensed physician may make a
determination that the chosen intervention is necessary for
patients, residents, or clients of facilities or programs
operated by the department, in hospitals as defined in section
197.020 that only provide psychiatric care and in dedicated
psychiatric units of general acute care hospitals as hospitals
are defined in section 197.020. Any determination made by the
advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or
assistant physician shall be documented as required in subsection
2 of this section and reviewed in person by the attending
licensed physician if the episode of restraint is to extend
beyond:

(1) Four hours duration in the case of a person under
eighteen years of age;

(2) Eight hours duration in the case of a person eighteen
years of age or older; or

(3) For any total length of restraint lasting more than
four hours duration in a twenty-four-hour period in the case of a
person under eighteen years of age or beyond eight hours duration
in the case of a person eighteen years of age or older in a
twenty-four-hour period.

The review shall occur prior to the time limit specified under
subsection 6 of this section and shall be documented by the
licensed physician under subsection 2 of this section.
2. Every use of physical or chemical restraint, isolation or seclusion and the reasons therefor shall be made a part of the clinical record of the patient, resident or client under the signature of the head of the facility, or the attending licensed physician, or the advanced practice registered nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement, or a physician assistant or an assistant physician with a supervision agreement, with the attending licensed physician.

3. Physical or chemical restraint, isolation or seclusion shall not be considered standard treatment or habilitation and shall cease as soon as the circumstances causing the need for such action have ended.

4. The use of security escort devices, including devices designed to restrict physical movement, which are used to maintain safety and security and to prevent escape during transport outside of a facility shall not be considered physical restraint within the meaning of this section. Individuals who have been civilly detained under sections 632.300 to 632.475 may be placed in security escort devices when transported outside of the facility if it is determined by the head of the facility, or the attending licensed physician, or the advanced practice registered nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement, or a physician assistant or an assistant physician with a supervision agreement, with the attending licensed physician that the use of security escort devices is necessary to protect the health and safety of the patient, resident, client, or other persons or is necessary to prevent escape. Individuals who have been civilly detained under sections 632.480 to 632.513 or committed under
chapter 552 shall be placed in security escort devices when transported outside of the facility unless it is determined by the head of the facility, or the attending licensed physician, or the advanced practice registered nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement, or a physician assistant or an assistant physician with a supervision agreement, with the attending licensed physician that security escort devices are not necessary to protect the health and safety of the patient, resident, client, or other persons or is not necessary to prevent escape.

5. Extraordinary measures employed by the head of the facility to ensure the safety and security of patients, residents, clients, and other persons during times of natural or man-made disasters shall not be considered restraint, isolation, or seclusion within the meaning of this section.

6. Orders issued under this section by the advanced practice registered nurse in a collaborative practice arrangement, or a physician assistant or an assistant physician with a supervision agreement, with the attending licensed physician shall be reviewed in person by the attending licensed physician of the facility within twenty-four hours or the next regular working day of the order being issued, and such review shall be documented in the clinical record of the patient, resident, or client.

7. For purposes of this subsection, "division" shall mean the division of developmental disabilities. Restraint or seclusion shall not be used in habilitation centers or community programs that serve persons with developmental disabilities that are operated or funded by the division unless such procedure is
part of an emergency intervention system approved by the division and is identified in such person's individual support plan. Direct-care staff that serve persons with developmental disabilities in habilitation centers or community programs operated or funded by the division shall be trained in an emergency intervention system approved by the division when such emergency intervention system is identified in a consumer's individual support plan.

[335.300. 1. The party states find that:
(1) The health and safety of the public are affected by the degree of compliance with and the effectiveness of enforcement activities related to state nurse licensure laws;
(2) Violations of nurse licensure and other laws regulating the practice of nursing may result in injury or harm to the public;
(3) The expanded mobility of nurses and the use of advanced communication technologies as part of our nation's health care delivery system require greater coordination and cooperation among states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;
(4) New practice modalities and technology make compliance with individual state nurse licensure laws difficult and complex;
(5) The current system of duplicative licensure for nurses practicing in multiple states is cumbersome and redundant to both nurses and states.

2. The general purposes of this compact are to:
(1) Facilitate the states' responsibility to protect the public's health and safety;
(2) Ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;
(3) Facilitate the exchange of information between party states in the areas of nurse regulation, investigation, and adverse actions;
(4) Promote compliance with the laws governing the practice of nursing in each jurisdiction;
(5) Invest all party states with the authority to hold a nurse accountable for meeting all state practice laws in the state in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered through the mutual recognition of party state licenses.]

[335.305. As used in this compact, the following
terms shall mean:

(1) "Adverse action", a home or remote state action;

(2) "Alternative program", a voluntary, nondisciplinary monitoring program approved by a nurse licensing board;

(3) "Coordinated licensure information system", an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on nurse licensure and enforcement activities related to nurse licensure laws, which is administered by a nonprofit organization composed of and controlled by state nurse licensing boards;

(4) "Current significant investigative information":

(a) Investigative information that a licensing board, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the nurse to respond if required by state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or

(b) Investigative information that indicates that the nurse represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the nurse has been notified and had an opportunity to respond;

(5) "Home state", the party state that is the nurse's primary state of residence;

(6) "Home state action", any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by the home state's laws that are imposed on a nurse by the home state's licensing board or other authority including actions against an individual's license such as: revocation, suspension, probation, or any other action affecting a nurse's authorization to practice;

(7) "Licensing board", a party state's regulatory body responsible for issuing nurse licenses;

(8) "Multistate licensing privilege", current, official authority from a remote state permitting the practice of nursing as either a registered nurse or a licensed practical/vocational nurse in such party state. All party states have the authority, in accordance with existing state due process law, to take actions against the nurse's privilege such as: revocation, suspension, probation, or any other action that affects a nurse's authorization to practice;

(9) "Nurse", a registered nurse or licensed/vocational nurse, as those terms are defined by each state's practice laws;

(10) "Party state", any state that has adopted this compact;

(11) "Remote state", a party state, other than the home state:
(a) Where a patient is located at the time
nursing care is provided; or
(b) In the case of the practice of nursing not
involving a patient, in such party state where the
recipient of nursing practice is located;
(12) "Remote state action":
(a) Any administrative, civil, equitable, or
criminal action permitted by a remote state's laws
which are imposed on a nurse by the remote state's
licensing board or other authority including actions
against an individual's multistate licensure privilege
to practice in the remote state; and
(b) Cease and desist and other injunctive or
equitable orders issued by remote states or the
licensing boards thereof;
(13) "State", a state, territory, or possession
of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
(14) "State practice laws", those individual
party's state laws and regulations that govern the
practice of nursing, define the scope of nursing
practice, and create the methods and grounds for
imposing discipline. State practice laws does not
include the initial qualifications for licensure or
requirements necessary to obtain and retain a license,
except for qualifications or requirements of the home
state.]

[335.310. 1. A license to practice registered
nursing issued by a home state to a resident in that
state will be recognized by each party state as
authorizing a multistate licensure privilege to
practice as a registered nurse in such party state. A
license to practice licensed practical/vocational
nursing issued by a home state to a resident in that
state will be recognized by each party state as
authorizing a multistate licensure privilege to
practice as a licensed practical/vocational nurse in
such party state. In order to obtain or retain a
license, an applicant must meet the home state's
qualifications for licensure and license renewal as
well as all other applicable state laws.
2. Party states may, in accordance with state due
process laws, limit or revoke the multistate licensure
privilege of any nurse to practice in their state and
may take any other actions under their applicable state
laws necessary to protect the health and safety of
their citizens. If a party state takes such action, it
shall promptly notify the administrator of the
coordinated licensure information system. The
administrator of the coordinated licensure information

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1 system shall promptly notify the home state of any such actions by remote states.

3. Every nurse practicing in a party state must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered. In addition, the practice of nursing is not limited to patient care, but shall include all nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of a party state. The practice of nursing will subject a nurse to the jurisdiction of the nurse licensing board and the courts, as well as the laws, in that party state.

4. This compact does not affect additional requirements imposed by states for advanced practice registered nursing. However, a multistate licensure privilege to practice registered nursing granted by a party state shall be recognized by other party states as a license to practice registered nursing if one is required by state law as a precondition for qualifying for advanced practice registered nurse authorization.

5. Individuals not residing in a party state shall continue to be able to apply for nurse licensure as provided for under the laws of each party state. However, the license granted to these individuals will not be recognized as granting the privilege to practice nursing in any other party state unless explicitly agreed to by that party state.

335.315. 1. Upon application for a license, the licensing board in a party state shall ascertain, through the coordinated licensure information system, whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of, a license issued by any other state, whether there are any restrictions on the multistate licensure privilege, and whether any other adverse action by any state has been taken against the license.

2. A nurse in a party state shall hold licensure in only one party state at a time, issued by the home state.

3. A nurse who intends to change primary state of residence may apply for licensure in the new home state in advance of such change. However, new licenses will not be issued by a party state until after a nurse provides evidence of change in primary state of residence satisfactory to the new home state's licensing board.

4. When a nurse changes primary state of residence by:

   (1) Moving between two party states, and obtains a license from the new home state, the license from the former home state is no longer valid;
(2) Moving from a nonparty state to a party state, and obtains a license from the new home state, the individual state license issued by the nonparty state is not affected and will remain in full force if so provided by the laws of the nonparty state;

(3) Moving from a party state to a nonparty state, the license issued by the prior home state converts to an individual state license, valid only in the former home state, without the multistate licensure privilege to practice in other party states.

(335.320. In addition to the general provisions described in article III of this compact, the following provisions apply:

(1) The licensing board of a remote state shall promptly report to the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system any remote state actions including the factual and legal basis for such action, if known. The licensing board of a remote state shall also promptly report any significant current investigative information yet to result in a remote state action. The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the home state of any such reports;

(2) The licensing board of a party state shall have the authority to complete any pending investigations for a nurse who changes primary state of residence during the course of such investigations. It shall also have the authority to take appropriate actions, and shall promptly report the conclusions of such investigations to the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system. The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the new home state of any such actions;

(3) A remote state may take adverse action affecting the multistate licensure privilege to practice within that party state. However, only the home state shall have the power to impose adverse action against the license issued by the home state;

(4) For purposes of imposing adverse action, the licensing board of the home state shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a remote state as it would if such conduct had occurred within the home state, in so doing, it shall apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action;

(5) The home state may take adverse action based on the factual findings of the remote state, so long as each state follows its own procedures for imposing such adverse action;

(6) Nothing in this compact shall override a
party state's decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of licensure action and that such participation shall remain nonpublic if required by the party state's laws. Party states must require nurses who enter any alternative programs to agree not to practice in any other party state during the term of the alternative program without prior authorization from such other party state.]

[335.325. Notwithstanding any other powers, party state nurse licensing boards shall have the authority to:

(1) If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the affected nurse the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that nurse;

(2) Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations which require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a nurse licensing board in a party state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and/or the production of evidence from another party state, shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the state where the witnesses and evidence are located;

(3) Issue cease and desist orders to limit or revoke a nurse's authority to practice in their state;

(4) Promulgate uniform rules and regulations as provided for in subsection 3 of section 335.335.]

[335.330. 1. All party states shall participate in a cooperative effort to create a coordinated database of all licensed registered nurses and licensed practical/vocational nurses. This system will include information on the licensure and disciplinary history of each nurse, as contributed by party states, to assist in the coordination of nurse licensure and enforcement efforts.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all party states' licensing boards shall promptly report adverse actions, actions against multistate licensure privileges, any current significant investigative information yet to result in adverse action, denials of applications, and the reasons for such denials to the coordinated licensure information
3. Current significant investigative information shall be transmitted through the coordinated licensure information system only to party state licensing boards.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all party states' licensing boards contributing information to the coordinated licensure information system may designate information that may not be shared with nonparty states or disclosed to other entities or individuals without the express permission of the contributing state.

5. Any personally identifiable information obtained by a party state's licensing board from the coordinated licensure information system may not be shared with nonparty states or disclosed to other entities or individuals except to the extent permitted by the laws of the party state contributing the information.

6. Any information contributed to the coordinated licensure information system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the party state contributing that information shall also be expunged from the coordinated licensure information system.

7. The compact administrators, acting jointly with each other and in consultation with the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system, shall formulate necessary and proper procedures for the identification, collection, and exchange of information under this compact.

335.335. 1. The head of the nurse licensing board, or his/her designee, of each party state shall be the administrator of this compact for his/her state.

2. The compact administrator of each party shall furnish to the compact administrator of each other party state any information and documents including, but not limited to, a uniform data set of investigations, identifying information, licensure data, and disclosable alternative program participation information to facilitate the administration of this compact.

3. Compact administrators shall have the authority to develop uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation of this compact. These uniform rules shall be adopted by party states, under the authority invested under subsection 4 of section 335.325.

335.340. No party state or the officers or employees or agents of a party state's nurse licensing
board who acts in accordance with the provisions of this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission in good faith while engaged in the performance of their duties under this compact. Good faith in this article shall not include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

[335.345. 1. This compact shall enter into force and become effective as to any state when it has been enacted into the laws of that state. Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until six months after the withdrawing state has given notice of the withdrawal to the executive heads of all other party states.

2. No withdrawal shall affect the validity or applicability by the licensing boards of states remaining party to the compact of any report of adverse action occurring prior to the withdrawal.

3. Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any nurse licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a party state and a non-party state that is made in accordance with the other provisions of this compact.

4. This compact may be amended by the party states. No amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding upon the party states unless and until it is enacted into the laws of all party states.]

[335.350. 1. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party state affected as to all severable matters.

2. In the event party states find a need for settling disputes arising under this compact:

(1) The party states may submit the issues in dispute to an arbitration panel which will be comprised of an individual appointed by the compact administrator in the home state, an individual appointed by the
compact administrator in the remote states involved,
and an individual mutually agreed upon by the compact
administrators of all the party states involved in the
dispute;
(2) The decision of a majority of the arbitrators
shall be final and binding.]

335.355. 1. The term "head of the nurse
licensing board" as referred to in article VIII of this
compact shall mean the executive director of the
Missouri state board of nursing.
2. A person who is extended the privilege to
practice in this state pursuant to the nurse licensure
compact is subject to discipline by the board, as set
forth in this chapter, for violation of this chapter or
the rules and regulations promulgated herein. A person
extended the privilege to practice in this state
pursuant to the nurse licensure compact shall be
subject to adhere to all requirements of this chapter,
as if such person were originally licensed in this
state.
3. Sections 335.300 to 335.355 are applicable
only to nurses whose home states are determined by the
Missouri state board of nursing to have licensure
requirements that are substantially equivalent or more
stringent than those of Missouri.
4. This compact is designed to facilitate the
regulation of nurses, and does not relieve employers
from complying with statutorily imposed obligations.
5. This compact does not supercede existing state
labor laws.]

Section B. The repeal of sections 335.300, 335.305,
335.310, 335.315, 335.320, 335.325, 335.330, 335.335, 335.340,
335.345, 335.350, and 335.355 of this act, and the enactment of
sections 335.360 to 335.415 of this act shall become effective on
December 31, 2018, or upon the enactment of sections 335.360,
335.365, 335.370, 335.375, 335.380, 335.385, 335.390, 335.395,
335.400, 335.405, 335.410, and 335.415, of this act by no less
than twenty-six states and notification of such enactment to the
revisor of statutes by the Interstate Commission of Nurse
Licensure Compact Administrators, whichever occurs first.