

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 490, Page 4, Section 337.020, Line 89, by inserting
2 immediately after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "337.100. Findings and declaration of purpose.

5 1. The party states find that:

6 (1) States license psychologists, in order to protect the public through verification of
7 education, training and experience and ensure accountability for professional practice;

8 (2) This compact is intended to regulate the day to day practice of telepsychology (i.e. the
9 provision of psychological services using telecommunication technologies) by psychologists across
10 state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate
11 authority;

12 (3) This compact is intended to regulate the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of
13 psychology by psychologists across state boundaries for thirty days within a calendar year in the
14 performance of their psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate authority;

15 (4) This compact is intended to authorize state psychology regulatory authorities to afford
16 legal recognition, in a manner consistent with the terms of the compact, to psychologists licensed in
17 another state;

18 (5) This compact recognizes that states have a vested interest in protecting the public's
19 health and safety through their licensing and regulation of psychologists and that such state
20 regulation will best protect public health and safety;

21 (6) This compact does not apply when a psychologist is licensed in both the home and
22 receiving states; and

23 (7) This compact does not apply to permanent in-person, face-to-face practice, it does allow
24 for authorization of temporary psychological practice.

25 2. The general purposes of this compact are to:

26 (1) Increase public access to professional psychological services by allowing for
27 telepsychological practice across state lines as well as temporary in-person, face-to-face services
28 into a state which the psychologist is not licensed to practice psychology;

29 (2) Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety, especially
30 client/patient safety;

31 (3) Encourage the cooperation of compact states in the areas of psychology licensure and
32 regulation;

33 (4) Facilitate the exchange of information between compact states regarding psychologist
34 licensure, adverse actions and disciplinary history;

35 (5) Promote compliance with the laws governing psychological practice in each compact
36 state; and

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(6) Invest all compact states with the authority to hold licensed psychologists accountable through the mutual recognition of compact state licenses.

337.105. Definitions.

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

(1) "Adverse action": any action taken by a state psychology regulatory authority which finds a violation of a statute or regulation that is identified by the state psychology regulatory authority as discipline and is a matter of public record.

(2) "Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)": the recognized membership organization composed of state and provincial psychology regulatory authorities responsible for the licensure and registration of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada.

(3) "Authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology": a licensed psychologist's authority to practice telepsychology, within the limits authorized under this compact, in another compact state.

(4) "Bylaws": those bylaws established by the psychology interjurisdictional compact commission pursuant to section 337.145 for its governance, or for directing and controlling its actions and conduct.

(5) "Client/patient": the recipient of psychological services, whether psychological services are delivered in the context of healthcare, corporate, supervision, and/or consulting services.

(6) "Commissioner": the voting representative appointed by each state psychology regulatory authority pursuant to section 337.145.

(7) "Compact state": a state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory that has enacted this compact legislation and which has not withdrawn pursuant to section 337.160.3 or been terminated pursuant to 337.155.2.

(8) "Coordinated licensure information system" also referred to as "coordinated database": an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on psychologists' licensure and enforcement activities related to psychology licensure laws, which is administered by the recognized membership organization composed of state and provincial psychology regulatory authorities.

(9) "Confidentiality": the principle that data or information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized persons and/or processes.

(10) "Day": any part of a day in which psychological work is performed.

(11) "Distant state": the compact state where a psychologist is physically present (not through the use of telecommunications technologies), to provide temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological services.

(12) "E.Passport": a certificate issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that promotes the standardization in the criteria of interjurisdictional telepsychology practice and facilitates the process for licensed psychologists to provide telepsychological services across state lines.

(13) "Executive board": a group of directors elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the commission.

(14) "Home state": a compact state where a psychologist is licensed to practice psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one compact state and is practicing under the authorization to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology, the home state is the compact state where the psychologist is physically present when the telepsychological services are delivered. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one compact state and is practicing under the temporary authorization to practice, the home state is any compact state where the psychologist is licensed.

(15) "Identity history summary": a summary of information retained by the FBI, or other designee with similar authority, in connection with arrests and, in some instances, federal

1 employment, naturalization, or military service.

2 (16) "In-person, face-to-face": interactions in which the psychologist and the client/patient
 3 are in the same physical space and which does not include interactions that may occur through the
 4 use of telecommunication technologies.

5 (17) "Interjurisdictional practice certificate (IPC)": a certificate issued by the Association
 6 of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that grants temporary authority to practice
 7 based on notification to the state psychology regulatory authority of intention to practice
 8 temporarily, and verification of one's qualifications for such practice.

9 (18) "License": authorization by a state psychology regulatory authority to engage in the
 10 independent practice of psychology, which would be unlawful without the authorization.

11 (19) "Noncompact state": any state which is not at the time a compact state.

12 (20) "Psychologist": an individual licensed for the independent practice of psychology.

13 (21) "Psychology interjurisdictional compact commission" also referred to as "commission":
 14 the national administration of which all compact states are members.

15 (22) "Receiving state": a compact state where the client/patient is physically located when
 16 the telepsychological services are delivered.

17 (23) "Rule": a written statement by the psychology interjurisdictional compact commission
 18 promulgated pursuant to section 337.150 of the compact that is of general applicability, implements,
 19 interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an organizational, procedural, or
 20 practice requirement of the commission and has the force and effect of statutory law in a compact
 21 state, and includes the amendment, repeal or suspension of an existing rule.

22 (24) "Significant investigatory information":

23 (a) Investigative information that a state psychology regulatory authority, after a
 24 preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity to respond if required by state law,
 25 has reason to believe, if proven true, would indicate more than a violation of state statute or ethics
 26 code that would be considered more substantial than minor infraction; or

27 (b) Investigative information that indicates that the psychologist represents an immediate
 28 threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the psychologist has been notified and/or
 29 had an opportunity to respond.

30 (25) "State": a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, the
 31 District of Columbia.

32 (26) "State psychology regulatory authority": the board, office or other agency with the
 33 legislative mandate to license and regulate the practice of psychology.

34 (27) "Telepsychology": the provision of psychological services using telecommunication
 35 technologies.

36 (28) "Temporary authorization to practice": a licensed psychologist's authority to conduct
 37 temporary in-person, face-to-face practice, within the limits authorized under this compact, in
 38 another compact state.

39 (29) "Temporary in-person, face-to-face practice": where a psychologist is physically
 40 present (not through the use of telecommunications technologies), in the distant state to provide for
 41 the practice of psychology for thirty days within a calendar year and based on notification to the
 42 distant state.

43 337.110. Home State Licensure.

44 1. The home state shall be a compact state where a psychologist is licensed to practice
 45 psychology.

46 2. A psychologist may hold one or more compact state licenses at a time. If the
 47 psychologist is licensed in more than one compact state, the home state is the compact state where
 48 the psychologist is physically present when the services are delivered as authorized by the authority

1 to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology under the terms of this compact.

2 3. Any compact state may require a psychologist not previously licensed in a compact state
 3 to obtain and retain a license to be authorized to practice in the compact state under circumstances
 4 not authorized by the authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology under the terms of this
 5 compact.

6 4. Any compact state may require a psychologist to obtain and retain a license to be
 7 authorized to practice in a compact state under circumstances not authorized by temporary
 8 authorization to practice under the terms of this compact.

9 5. A home state's license authorizes a psychologist to practice in a receiving state under the
 10 authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology only if the compact state:

11 (1) Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active E.Passport;

12 (2) Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensed
 13 individuals;

14 (3) Notifies the commission, in compliance with the terms herein, of any adverse action or
 15 significant investigatory information regarding a licensed individual;

16 (4) Requires an identity history summary of all applicants at initial licensure, including the
 17 use of the results of fingerprints or other biometric data checks compliant with the requirements of
 18 the Federal Bureau of Investigation FBI, or other designee with similar authority, no later than ten
 19 years after activation of the compact;

20 (5) Complies with the bylaws and rules of the commission.

21 6. A home state's license grants temporary authorization to practice to a psychologist in a
 22 distant state only if the compact state:

23 (1) Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active IPC;

24 (2) Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensed
 25 individuals;

26 (3) Notifies the commission, in compliance with the terms herein, of any adverse action or
 27 significant investigatory information regarding a licensed individual;

28 (4) Requires an identity history summary of all applicants at initial licensure, including the
 29 use of the results of fingerprints or other biometric data checks compliant with the requirements of
 30 the Federal Bureau of Investigation FBI, or other designee with similar authority, no later than ten
 31 years after activation of the compact; and

32 (5) Complies with the bylaws and rules of the commission.

33 337.115. Compact Privilege to Practice Telepsychology.

34 1. Compact states shall recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed in a compact state in
 35 conformance with section 337.110, to practice telepsychology in other compact states (receiving
 36 states) in which the psychologist is not licensed, under the authority to practice interjurisdictional
 37 telepsychology as provided in the compact.

38 2. To exercise the authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology under the terms
 39 and provisions of this compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a compact state must:

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

42 (a) Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of
 43 Education to grant graduate degrees, or authorized by provincial statute or royal charter to grant
 44 doctoral degrees; or

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

48 (2) Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the following criteria:

1 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be clearly identified and
 2 labeled as a psychology program. Such a program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogues
 3 and brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;

4 (b) The psychology program must stand as a recognizable, coherent, organizational entity
 5 within the institution;

6 (c) There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty
 7 areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines;

8 (d) The program must consist of an integrated, organized sequence of study;

9 (e) There must be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size and breadth to carry
 10 out its responsibilities;

11 (f) The designated director of the program must be a psychologist and a member of the core
 12 faculty;

13 (g) The program must have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that
 14 program for a degree;

15 (h) The program must include supervised practicum, internship, or field training appropriate
 16 to the practice of psychology;

17 (i) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years of full-time
 18 graduate study for doctoral degree and a minimum of one academic year of full-time graduate study
 19 for master's degree;

20 (j) The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by the rules of the commission.

21 (3) Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice psychology in a home state
 22 which is a compact state;

23 (4) Have no history of adverse action that violate the rules of the commission;

24 (5) Have no criminal record history reported on an identity history summary that violates
 25 the rules of the commission;

26 (6) Possess a current, active E.Passport;

27 (7) Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended practice, conformity with standards of
 28 practice, competence in telepsychology technology; criminal background; and knowledge and
 29 adherence to legal requirements in the home and receiving states, and provide a release of
 30 information to allow for primary source verification in a manner specified by the commission; and

31 (8) Meet other criteria as defined by the rules of the commission.

32 3. The home state maintains authority over the license of any psychologist practicing into a
 33 receiving state under the authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology.

34 4. A psychologist practicing into a receiving state under the authority to practice
 35 interjurisdictional telepsychology will be subject to the receiving state's scope of practice. A
 36 receiving state may, in accordance with that state's due process law, limit or revoke a psychologist's
 37 authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology in the receiving state and may take any other
 38 necessary actions under the receiving state's applicable law to protect the health and safety of the
 39 receiving state's citizens. If a receiving state takes action, the state shall promptly notify the home
 40 state and the commission.

41 5. If a psychologist's license in any home state, another compact state, or any authority to
 42 practice interjurisdictional telepsychology in any receiving state, is restricted, suspended or
 43 otherwise limited, the E.Passport shall be revoked and therefore the psychologist shall not be
 44 eligible to practice telepsychology in a compact state under the authority to practice
 45 interjurisdictional telepsychology.

46 337.120. Compact Temporary Authorization to Practice.

47 1. Compact states shall also recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed in a compact
 48 state in conformance with section 337.110, to practice temporarily in other compact states (distant

states) in which the psychologist is not licensed, as provided in the compact.

2. To exercise the temporary authorization to practice under the terms and provisions of this compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a compact state must:

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

(a) Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, or authorized by provincial statute or royal charter to grant doctoral degrees; or

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

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

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

(b) The psychology program must stand as a recognizable, coherent, organizational entity within the institution;

(c) There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines;

(d) The program must consist of an integrated, organized sequence of study;

(e) There must be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its responsibilities;

(f) The designated director of the program must be a psychologist and a member of the core faculty;

(g) The program must have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that program for a degree;

(h) The program must include supervised practicum, internship, or field training appropriate to the practice of psychology;

(i) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years of full-time graduate study for doctoral degrees and a minimum of one academic year of full-time graduate study for master's degree;

(j) The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by the rules of the commission.

(3) Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice psychology in a home state which is a compact state;

(4) No history of adverse action that violate the rules of the commission;

(5) No criminal record history that violates the rules of the commission;

(6) Possess a current, active IPC;

(7) Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended practice and work experience and provide a release of information to allow for primary source verification in a manner specified by the commission; and

(8) Meet other criteria as defined by the rules of the commission.

3. A psychologist practicing into a distant state under the temporary authorization to practice shall practice within the scope of practice authorized by the distant state.

4. A psychologist practicing into a distant state under the temporary authorization to practice will be subject to the distant state's authority and law. A distant state may, in accordance with that state's due process law, limit or revoke a psychologist's temporary authorization to practice in the distant state and may take any other necessary actions under the distant state's applicable law to protect the health and safety of the distant state's citizens. If a distant state takes action, the state

1 shall promptly notify the home state and the commission.

2 5. If a psychologist's license in any home state, another compact state, or any temporary
3 authorization to practice in any distant state, is restricted, suspended or otherwise limited, the IPC
4 shall be revoked and therefore the psychologist shall not be eligible to practice in a compact state
5 under the temporary authorization to practice.

6 337.125. Conditions of Telepsychology Practice in a Receiving State.

7 1. A psychologist may practice in a receiving state under the authority to practice
8 interjurisdictional telepsychology only in the performance of the scope of practice for psychology as
9 assigned by an appropriate state psychology regulatory authority, as defined in the rules of the
10 commission, and under the following circumstances:

11 (1) The psychologist initiates a client/patient contact in a home state via telecommunications
12 technologies with a client/patient in a receiving state;

13 (2) Other conditions regarding telepsychology as determined by rules promulgated by the
14 commission.

15 337.130. Adverse Actions.

16 1. A home state shall have the power to impose adverse action against a psychologist's
17 license issued by the home state. A distant state shall have the power to take adverse action on a
18 psychologist's temporary authorization to practice within that distant state.

19 2. A receiving state may take adverse action on a psychologist's authority to practice
20 interjurisdictional telepsychology within that receiving state. A home state may take adverse action
21 against a psychologist based on an adverse action taken by a distant state regarding temporary in-
22 person, face-to-face practice.

23 3. If a home state takes adverse action against a psychologist's license, that psychologist's
24 authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology is terminated and the E.Passport is revoked.
25 Furthermore, that psychologist's temporary authorization to practice is terminated and the IPC is
26 revoked.

27 (1) All home state disciplinary orders which impose adverse action shall be reported to the
28 commission in accordance with the rules promulgated by the commission. A compact state shall
29 report adverse actions in accordance with the rules of the commission.

30 (2) In the event discipline is reported on a psychologist, the psychologist will not be eligible
31 for telepsychology or temporary in-person, face-to-face practice in accordance with the rules of the
32 commission.

33 (3) Other actions may be imposed as determined by the rules promulgated by the
34 commission.

35 4. A home state's psychology regulatory authority shall investigate and take appropriate
36 action with respect to reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a licensee which occurred in a
37 receiving state as it would if such conduct had occurred by a licensee within the home state. In such
38 cases, the home state's law shall control in determining any adverse action against a psychologist's
39 license.

40 5. A distant state's psychology regulatory authority shall investigate and take appropriate
41 action with respect to reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a psychologist practicing under
42 temporary authorization practice which occurred in that distant state as it would if such conduct had
43 occurred by a licensee within the home state. In such cases, distant state's law shall control in
44 determining any adverse action against a psychologist's temporary authorization to practice.

45 6. Nothing in this compact shall override a compact state's decision that a psychologist's
46 participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action and that such
47 participation shall remain non-public if required by the compact state's law. Compact states must
48 require psychologists who enter any alternative programs to not provide telepsychology services

1 under the authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology or provide temporary psychological
 2 services under the temporary authorization to practice in any other compact state during the term of
 3 the alternative program.

4 7. No other judicial or administrative remedies shall be available to a psychologist in the
 5 event a compact state imposes an adverse action pursuant to subsection 3, above.

6 337.135. Additional Authorities Invested in a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory
 7 Authority.

8 1. In addition to any other powers granted under state law, a compact state's psychology
 9 regulatory authority shall have the authority under this compact to:

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

18 (2) Issue cease and desist and/or injunctive relief orders to revoke a psychologist's authority
 19 to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology and/or temporary authorization to practice.

20 (3) During the course of any investigation, a psychologist may not change his/her home
 21 state licensure. A home state psychology regulatory authority is authorized to complete any
 22 pending investigations of a psychologist and to take any actions appropriate under its law. The
 23 home state psychology regulatory authority shall promptly report the conclusions of such
 24 investigations to the commission. Once an investigation has been completed, and pending the
 25 outcome of said investigation, the psychologist may change his/her home state licensure. The
 26 commission shall promptly notify the new home state of any such decisions as provided in the rules
 27 of the commission. All information provided to the commission or distributed by compact states
 28 pursuant to the psychologist shall be confidential, filed under seal and used for investigatory or
 29 disciplinary matters. The commission may create additional rules for mandated or discretionary
 30 sharing of information by compact states.

31 337.140. Coordinated Licensure Information System.

32 1. The commission shall provide for the development and maintenance of a coordinated
 33 licensure information system (coordinated database) and reporting system containing licensure and
 34 disciplinary action information on all psychologists individuals to whom this compact is applicable
 35 in all compact states as defined by the rules of the commission.

36 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a compact state shall
 37 submit a uniform data set to the coordinated database on all licensees as required by the rules of the
 38 commission, including:

39 (1) Identifying information;

40 (2) Licensure data;

41 (3) Significant investigatory information;

42 (4) Adverse actions against a psychologist's license;

43 (5) An indicator that a psychologist's authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology
 44 and/or temporary authorization to practice is revoked;

45 (6) Nonconfidential information related to alternative program participation information;

46 (7) Any denial of application for licensure, and the reasons for such denial; and

47 (8) Other information which may facilitate the administration of this compact, as
 48 determined by the rules of the commission.

1 3. The coordinated database administrator shall promptly notify all compact states of any
 2 adverse action taken against, or significant investigative information on, any licensee in a compact
 3 state.

4 4. Compact states reporting information to the coordinated database may designate
 5 information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the compact
 6 state reporting the information.

7 5. Any information submitted to the coordinated database that is subsequently required to be
 8 expunged by the law of the compact state reporting the information shall be removed from the
 9 coordinated database.

10 337.145. Establishment of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission.

11 1. The compact states hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the
 12 psychology interjurisdictional compact commission.

13 (1) The commission is a body politic and an instrumentality of the compact states.

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

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

19 2. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

20 (1) The commission shall consist of one voting representative appointed by each compact
 21 state who shall serve as that state's commissioner. The state psychology regulatory authority shall
 22 appoint its delegate. This delegate shall be empowered to act on behalf of the compact state. This
 23 delegate shall be limited to:

24 (a) Executive director, executive secretary or similar executive;

25 (b) Current member of the state psychology regulatory authority of a compact state; or

26 (c) Designee empowered with the appropriate delegate authority to act on behalf of the
 27 compact state.

28 (2) Any commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of
 29 the state from which the commissioner is appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the commission
 30 shall be filled in accordance with the laws of the compact state in which the vacancy exists.

31 (3) Each commissioner shall be entitled to one vote with regard to the promulgation of rules
 32 and creation of bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and
 33 affairs of the commission. A commissioner shall vote in person or by such other means as provided
 34 in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for commissioners' participation in meetings by telephone or
 35 other means of communication.

36 (4) The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings
 37 shall be held as set forth in the bylaws.

38 (5) All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall be given in
 39 the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in section 337.150.

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

42 (a) Noncompliance of a compact state with its obligations under the compact;

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

46 (c) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation against the commission;

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

48 (e) Accusation against any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

1 (f) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is privileged or
 2 confidential;

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

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

6 (i) Disclosure of information related to any investigatory reports prepared by or on behalf of
 7 or for use of the commission or other committee charged with responsibility for investigation or
 8 determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact;

9 (j) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal and state statute.

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

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

22 (1) Establishing the fiscal year of the commission;

23 (2) Providing reasonable standards and procedures:

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

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

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

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

37 (5) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the establishment of the personnel
 38 policies and programs of the commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other similar law of
 39 any compact state, the bylaws shall exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of the
 40 commission;

41 (6) Promulgating a code of ethics to address permissible and prohibited activities of
 42 Commission members and employees;

43 (7) Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the commission and the
 44 equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the termination of the compact after
 45 the payment and/or reserving of all of its debts and obligations;

46 (8) The commission shall publish its bylaws in a convenient form and file a copy thereof
 47 and a copy of any amendment thereto, with the appropriate agency or officer in each of the compact
 48 states;

1 (9) The commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws; and
 2 (10) The commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions
 3 of this compact and the bylaws.

4 4. The commission shall have the following powers:

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

8 (2) To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Commission,
 9 provided that the standing of any state psychology regulatory authority or other regulatory body
 10 responsible for psychology licensure to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

11 (3) To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

12 (4) To borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to,
 13 employees of a compact state;

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

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

21 (7) To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold,
 22 improve or use, any property, real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the commission
 23 shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

24 (8) To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold,
 25 improve or use, any property, real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the commission
 26 shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

27 (9) To establish a budget and make expenditures;

28 (10) To borrow money;

29 (11) To appoint committees, including advisory committees comprised of members, state
 30 regulators, state legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other
 31 interested persons as may be designated in this compact and the bylaws;

32 (12) To provide and receive information from, and to cooperate with, law enforcement
 33 agencies;

34 (13) To adopt and use an official seal; and

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

38 5. The Executive Board. The elected officers shall serve as the executive board, which shall
 39 have the power to act on behalf of the commission according to the terms of this compact.

40 (1) The executive board shall be comprised of six members:

41 (a) Five voting members who are elected from the current membership of the commission
 42 by the commission;

43 (b) One ex officio, nonvoting member from the recognized membership organization
 44 composed of state and provincial psychology regulatory authorities.

45 (2) The ex officio member must have served as staff or member on a state psychology
 46 regulatory authority and will be selected by its respective organization.

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

48 (4) The executive board shall meet at least annually.

1 (5) The executive board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

2 (a) Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this
3 compact legislation, fees paid by compact states such as annual dues, and any other applicable fees;

4 (b) Ensure compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or
5 otherwise;

6 (c) Prepare and recommend the budget;

7 (d) Maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

8 (e) Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the
9 commission;

10 (f) Establish additional committees as necessary; and

11 (g) Other duties as provided in rules or bylaws.

12 6. Financing of the Commission

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

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

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

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

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

31 7. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

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

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

48 (3) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive

1 director, employee or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or
2 judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that
3 occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such person
4 had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or
5 responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from the
6 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

7 337.150. Rulemaking.

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

11 2. If a majority of the legislatures of the compact states rejects a rule, by enactment of a
12 statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact, then such rule shall have no
13 further force and effect in any compact state.

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

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

19 (1) On the website of the commission; and

20 (2) On the website of each compact states' psychology regulatory authority or the
21 publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

22 5. The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:

23 (1) The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in which the rule will be
24 considered and voted upon;

25 (2) The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed rule;

26 (3) A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person;

27 (4) The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the commission of their
28 intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

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

31 7. The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or
32 amendment if a hearing is requested by:

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

34 (2) A governmental subdivision or agency; or

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

36 8. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the commission shall publish the
37 place, time, and date of the scheduled public hearing.

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

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

43 (3) No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a written request for a transcript is made,
44 in which case the person requesting the transcript shall bear the cost of producing the transcript. A
45 recording may be made in lieu of a transcript under the same terms and conditions as a transcript.
46 This subsection shall not preclude the commission from making a transcript or recording of the
47 hearing if it so chooses.

48 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule.

1 Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.

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

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

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

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

17 (1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;

18 (2) Prevent a loss of commission or compact state funds;

19 (3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by
 20 federal law or rule; or

21 (4) Protect public health and safety.

22 13. The commission or an authorized committee of the commission may direct revisions to
 23 a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in
 24 format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted
 25 on the website of the commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a
 26 period of thirty days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the
 27 revision results in a material change to a rule.

28 (1) A challenge shall be made in writing, and delivered to the chair of the commission prior
 29 to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further
 30 action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the
 31 commission.

32 337.155. Oversight, Dispute Resolution and Enforcement.

33 1. Oversight

34 (1) The executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government in each compact
 35 state shall enforce this compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the
 36 compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this compact and the rules promulgated hereunder
 37 shall have standing as statutory law.

38 (2) All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or
 39 administrative proceeding in a compact state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact which
 40 may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the commission.

41 (3) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any such proceeding,
 42 and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide
 43 service of process to the commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the commission,
 44 this compact or promulgated rules.

45 2. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

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

48 (a) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other compact states of the nature of

1 the default, the proposed means of remedying the default and/or any other action to be taken by the
 2 commission; and

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

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

9 (3) Termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only after all other means
 10 of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be
 11 submitted by the commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting
 12 state's legislature, and each of the compact states.

13 (4) A compact state which has been terminated is responsible for all assessments,
 14 obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations
 15 which extend beyond the effective date of termination.

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

19 (6) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission by petitioning the U.S.
 20 District Court for the state of Georgia or the federal district where the compact has its principal
 21 offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable
 22 attorney's fees.

23 3. Dispute Resolution

24 (1) Upon request by a compact state, the commission shall attempt to resolve disputes
 25 related to the compact which arise among compact states and between compact and noncompact
 26 states.

27 (2) The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding
 28 dispute resolution for disputes that arise before the commission.

29 4. Enforcement

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

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

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

40 337.160. Date of Implementation of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact 41 Commission and Associated Rules, Withdrawal, and Amendments.

42 1. The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact is enacted into law
 43 in the seventh compact state. The provisions which become effective at that time shall be limited to
 44 the powers granted to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules.
 45 Thereafter, the commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary to the
 46 implementation and administration of the compact.

47 2. Any state which joins the compact subsequent to the commission's initial adoption of the
 48 rules shall be subject to the rules as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes law in that

1 state. Any rule which has been previously adopted by the commission shall have the full force and
2 effect of law on the day the compact becomes law in that state.

3 3. Any compact state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the
4 same.

5 (1) A compact state's withdrawal shall not take effect until six months after enactment of the
6 repealing statute.

7 (2) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing state's
8 psychology regulatory authority to comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting
9 requirements of this act prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

10 4. Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any
11 psychology licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a compact state and a
12 noncompact state which does not conflict with the provisions of this compact.

13 5. This compact may be amended by the compact states. No amendment to this compact
14 shall become effective and binding upon any compact state until it is enacted into the law of all
15 compact states.

16 337.165. Construction and Severability.

17 1. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. If this
18 compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state member thereto, the compact shall
19 remain in full force and effect as to the remaining compact states."; and

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21 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
22 accordingly.