



Support the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Technical Correction

SF 300 (Nelson) & HF 474 (Albright)

In 2015, the Minnesota House and Senate **unanimously passed** legislation to authorize Minnesota's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. In moving the Compact towards implementation, the state's Board of Medical Practice (BMP) has been told that a technical fix is required to begin issuing licenses under the Compact.

What is the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact?

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact is intended to facilitate expedited licensure in multiple states for qualified physicians while maintaining state-based licensure. Eighteen states have adopted the Compact, and legislation is pending in additional states.

The Compact protects patient safety by establishing a standard for an expedited license that is higher than that required under the current state licensure process, while also preserving a patient's right to seek redress in the state in which they reside should an adverse outcome occur. Minnesota's physicians and patients are both well served by the Compact.

Why is this legislation necessary?

In implementing the Compact, the Board of Medical Practice (BMP) has learned that Minnesota's law governing background checks for expedited physician licenses needs clarity for the purposes of the FBI and federal law. As such, the BMP will not be able to issue licenses under the Compact. Minnesota joins a short list of other Compact states with this background check issue.

What does the bill do?

Under the bill, the statute governing the Compact is amended to make clear that the BMP has authority to conduct criminal background checks on Minnesota-licensed physicians seeking a letter of qualification under the Compact. The bill also makes clear that background checks on physicians seeking licensure to practice in Minnesota under the Compact are exempt from another law that requires criminal background checks for new physicians coming to Minnesota if one had been conducted by the state of principal licensure within the last 12 months.

Supporters of SF 300/HF 474 Include:

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