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Overview

This bill makes clear that the Board of Medical Practice (BMP) is authorized to perform criminal background checks for the purposes of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, section 147.38, which expedites the licensing process for physicians to practice in other states that have joined the compact. The bill also states how background check data will be used and provides an exemption for certain physicians.

Section

Application of interstate medical licensure compact to existing laws. Amends § 147.381. Explicitly authorizes the BMP to perform criminal background checks according to section 214.075 for physicians with principal licensure in Minnesota under the compact. Specifies that background check data will be used to evaluate physician eligibility under section 147.38 and will not be disseminated. Exempts physicians with principal licensure in a different state who have had criminal a background check within the previous 12 months. Effective the day following final enactment.