
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Proposed law authorizes the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to collect a fee not exceeding \$50 from psychologists licensed in this state seeking a compact privilege in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (compact).

Proposed law provides that the purpose of the compact is to increase public access to professional psychological services by allowing for telepsychology practice across state lines while ensuring public safety by coordinating communications to a central body known as the compact commission.

Proposed law establishes a process for a psychologists licensed in a member state to practice telepsychology, the remote practice of psychology through electronic communication, or a temporary authority to physically see patients in a compact state under a compact privilege.

Proposed law defines the E.Passport and Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC) as credentials required for telepsychology and temporary in-person practice across state lines.

Proposed law defines the coordinated licensure information system as a shared database for licensure and disciplinary information among compact states.

Proposed law allows a psychologist to hold licenses in more than one compact state but designates one state as the home state for compact purposes.

Proposed law provides for the concept of a home state that is where a licensed psychologist is licensed by a state regulatory board of psychologists, and, if a psychologist is licensed in more than one compact state, the home state is where the psychologist is physically present when treating patients.

Proposed law requires compact states to conduct criminal background checks and obtain identity history summaries for applicants.

Proposed law requires compact states to maintain complaint investigation procedures and to report adverse actions and significant investigatory information to the commission.

Proposed law authorizes a licensed psychologist in a compact state to practice telepsychology in another compact state without obtaining an additional license, if all compact requirements are met.

Proposed law authorizes a licensed psychologist to engage in temporary in-person, face-to-face practice in another compact state for up to thirty days per calendar year, subject to compact requirements.

Proposed law requires psychologists seeking compact privileges to meet specified education, residency, and accreditation standards.

Proposed law requires psychologists to hold an active E.Passport for telepsychology and an active IPC for temporary in-person practice.

Proposed law subjects psychologists practicing under the compact to the scope of practice and laws of the receiving or distant state.

Proposed law grants receiving and distant states the authority to limit or revoke a psychologist's compact practice privileges within their jurisdiction.

Proposed law provides that a home state may discipline a psychologist's license and that such discipline results in loss of compact privileges.

Proposed law requires revocation of the E.Passport and IPC if a psychologist's license is restricted, suspended, or otherwise limited.

Proposed law requires compact states to report disciplinary actions and certain investigative information to the commission.

Proposed law authorizes state psychology regulatory authorities to issue subpoenas and cease and desist orders in compact-related matters.

Proposed law creates a coordinated database to share licensure, disciplinary, and investigative information among compact states.

Proposed law requires compact states to submit uniform data sets to the coordinated database.

Proposed law establishes the psychology interjurisdictional compact commission as a joint public agency composed of one representative from each compact state.

Proposed law grants the commission authority to adopt bylaws, promulgate binding rules, collect assessments, manage finances, and oversee compact compliance.

Proposed law sets forth procedures for public meetings, closed sessions, and rulemaking, including notice and comment requirements.

Proposed law allows the commission to adopt emergency rules under specified circumstances.

Proposed law provides oversight and enforcement mechanisms, including procedures for default, termination, and dispute resolution among compact states.

Proposed law specifies that the compact becomes effective upon enactment by the seventh state and allows withdrawal by statute, subject to notice requirements.

Proposed law provides that amendments to the compact require enactment by all compact states.

Proposed law includes construction and severability provisions to preserve the compact if part is held invalid.

Proposed law exempts certain provisions of proposed law from public records requests.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24); Adds R.S. 37:2354(H) and 2371)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Clarify that the La. St. Bd. of Examiners of Psychologists may collect a fee of \$50 on initial request and renewal of a compact privilege.
2. Add an effective date.
3. Make technical corrections.