

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided that a person who wishes to practice medicine in Louisiana must meet certain minimum qualifications, including being a citizen of the United States. New law retains prior law and increases the eligibility to also include any person who possesses valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States.

New law enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Proposed law allows Louisiana to join a multi-state compact for physicians to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in participating compact states to enhance the portability of a medical license and ensure the safety of patients.

Provides that each participating state in the compact adopt similar requirements for expedited licensure including satisfaction of criminal background checks, licensure, and education. Requires verification of licensure information through the coordinated information system and exchange of information regarding discipline and adverse actions by all participating states. Provides that the medical board in the state where the patient is located shall regulate the physician in that state.

Requires a physician to select a State of Principal License (SPL) within the compact where the physician already has a license. Provides that the SPL is responsible for conducting the primary source verification of the applying physician's qualifications to participate in the compact.

Establishes the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (commission) and grants each participating state two voting representatives on the commission. Provides for the powers, duties, financial authority, organization, and rulemaking functions of the commission. Authorizes the commission to levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state. Authorizes the commission to initiate legal action in federal court in the District of Columbia or where the commission has its principal offices to enforce the compact's provisions.

Provides for oversight, enforcement, dispute resolution, withdrawal, and dissolution of the compact. Provides for severability.

Effective July 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 37:1272(2); adds R.S. 37:1310.1)