

## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

**ACT 524 (SB 203)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Peacock**

Enacts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Allows Louisiana to join a multi-state compact for physical therapists to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in participating compact states to decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of physical therapist licenses and provide opportunity for interstate practice by physical therapists who meet the uniform licensure requirements.

Provides that each participating state in the compact adopt similar requirements for criminal background checks, licensure, and education. Requires verification of licensure information through the commission's data system, including the use of the commission's unique identifiers, and exchange of information regarding discipline and adverse actions by all participating states.

Requires a physical therapist leaving his home state to practice in a participating state comply with the laws of the participating state. Provides for a home state license and process for changing home state and location of primary residence. Provides that the home state is responsible for taking adverse action against physical therapists in violation of practice act requirements, including deactivation of multi-state licensure privileges.

Establishes the Physical Therapy Compact Commission and grants each participating state a single seat on the commission.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 23, 2018).

(Adds R.S. 37:2425)