



The Council
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Massage Therapy Compact Kickoff Meeting

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HOUSEKEEPING

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Welcome and Introductions



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Overview of Interstate Compacts



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What is an interstate compact?

A legal contract between two or more states that allows states to:

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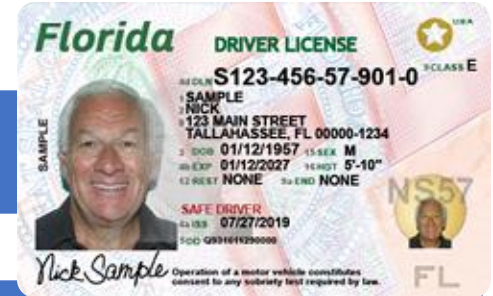
Cooperatively address shared problems

#2

Maintain state sovereignty over issues belonging to states

#3

Respond to national priorities with one voice



Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts

Facilitate
Multistate
Practice

Maintain or
Improve Public
Health and
Safety

Preserve State
Authority Over
Professional
Licensing



44 states have adopted at least one compact.
28 states have adopted at least three compacts.



149 pieces of compact legislation have been
passed since 2016



9 professions with active interstate compacts
for occupational licensing



Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts: Active

Nurse Licensure
Compact – 35 States

EMS Compact – 22
States

Occupational Therapy
Compact – 4 States

Physical Therapy
Compact – 33 States

Psychology
Interjurisdictional
Compact – 21 States

Advanced Practice
Nursing Compact – 1
State

Medical Licensure
Compact – 32 States

Audiology and Speech
Language Pathology
Compact – 11 States

Counseling Compact
– 1 State



Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts: Under Development

Massage Therapy

Social Work

Cosmetology & Barbering

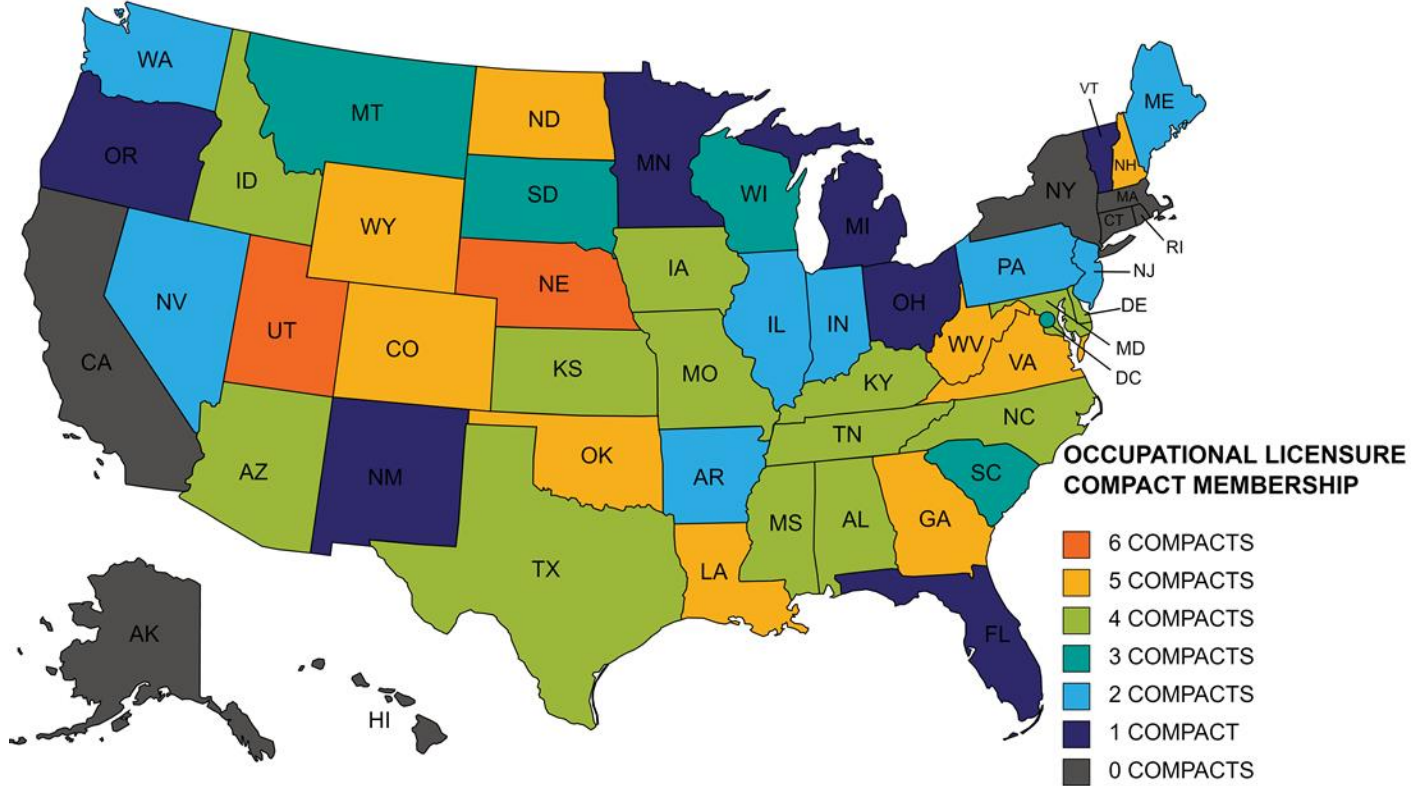
Physicians Assistants

Dentistry & Dental Hygiene

K-12 Teaching



Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts



Benefits to Practitioners of Occupational Licensure Compacts



Increased Mobility



**Leverages Advancing Technology:
Tele-practice**



**Supports relocating military
members and their families**



Benefits to Licensing Boards of Occupational Licensure Compacts



Agreement On Uniform Licensure Requirements



Shared Data System



Increase access to highly qualified practitioners



Benefits to States of Occupational Licensure Compacts



Flexibility and Autonomy In Comparison to Federal Policy



Strengthens State Sovereignty



Enhance Cooperation Between States



Strengthens Labor Markets



Expands Ability to Protect Public Health



Compact Development Process

Phase I Development

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GROUP

- Composed of approx. 20 state officials, stakeholders and issue experts
- Examines issues, current policy, best practices and alternative structures
- Establishes recommendations as to the content of an interstate compact

COMPACT DOCUMENT TEAM

- Composed of 5 to 8 state officials, stakeholders, and issue experts
- Crafts compact based on recommendations
- Circulates draft compact to states and stakeholder groups for comment

FINAL PRODUCT

- Drafting team considers comments and incorporates into compact
- Final product sent to advisory group
- Released to states for consideration

Phase II Education and Enactment

EDUCATION

- Develop comprehensive legislative resource kit
- Develop informational internet site with state-by-state tracking and support documents
- Convene “National Briefing” to educate legislators and key state officials

STATE SUPPORT

- Develop network of “champions”
- Provide on-site technical support and assistance
- Provide informational testimony to legislative committees

STATE ENACTMENTS

- Track and support state enactments
- Prepare for transition and implementation of compact
- Provide requested support as needed

Phase III Transition and Operation

TRANSITION

- Enactment threshold met
- State notification
- Interim Executive Board appointed
- Interim Committee’s established
- Convene first Compact meeting
- Information system development (standards, security, vendors)

OPERATION

- Ongoing state control and governance
- Staff support
- Annual assessment, if necessary
- Annual business meeting
- Information system oversight (maintenance, security, training, etc.)
- Long-term enhancements / up-grades



Why Massage Therapy?

FSMTB reports approximately 300,000 licensed massage therapists among the 46 state boards and agencies that regulate the profession

Size

FSMTB already has the infrastructure in place to support the development of the shared data system that compact member states will use to track practitioners. This is a significant hurdle for most professions looking to develop an interstate compact.

Existing Infrastructure

FSMTB displayed the ability to form a broad coalition of regulators, practitioners, and massage therapy advocates alike necessary for successful compact development.

Partnerships



Preliminary Timeline



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Questions?

