

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 887, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2-3, by deleting the words "a health care directives  
2 registry" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "health care"; and

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4 Further amend said bill, Page 3, Section 194.600, Line 60, by inserting after all of said section and line the  
5 following:

6  
7 "334.1200. PURPOSE

8 The purpose of this compact is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of  
9 improving public access to physical therapy services. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the state  
10 where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter. The compact preserves the  
11 regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

12 This compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

13 1. Increase public access to physical therapy services by providing for the mutual recognition of  
14 other member state licenses;

15 2. Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

16 3. Encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating multistate physical therapy practice;

17 4. Support spouses of relocating military members;

18 5. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information between member  
19 states; and

20 6. Allow a remote state to hold a provider of services with a compact privilege in that state  
21 accountable to that state's practice standards.

22 334.1203. DEFINITIONS

23 As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:

24 1. "Active Duty Military" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United  
25 States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C.  
26 Section 1209 and 1211.

27 2. "Adverse Action" means disciplinary action taken by a physical therapy licensing board based  
28 upon misconduct, unacceptable performance, or a combination of both.

29 3. "Alternative Program" means a nondisciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process  
30 approved by a physical therapy licensing board. This includes, but is not limited to, substance abuse issues.

31 4. "Compact privilege" means the authorization granted by a remote state to allow a licensee from  
32 another member state to practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist assistant in the remote  
33 state under its laws and rules. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the member state where the  
34 patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter.

35 5. "Continuing competence" means a requirement, as a condition of license renewal, to provide  
36 evidence of participation in, and/or completion of, educational and professional activities relevant to practice  
37 or area of work.

38 6. "Data system" means a repository of information about licensees, including examination,  
39 licensure, investigative, compact privilege, and adverse action.

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1       7. "Encumbered license" means a license that a physical therapy licensing board has limited in any  
2       way.

3       8. "Executive Board" means a group of directors elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within  
4       the powers granted to them by, the commission.

5       9. "Home state" means the member state that is the licensee's primary state of residence.

6       10. "Investigative information" means information, records, and documents received or generated by  
7       a physical therapy licensing board pursuant to an investigation.

8       11. "Jurisprudence requirement" means the assessment of an individual's knowledge of the laws and  
9       rules governing the practice of physical therapy in a state.

10      12. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds an authorization from the state to practice  
11      as a physical therapist or to work as a physical therapist assistant.

12      13. "Member state" means a state that has enacted the compact.

13      14. "Party state" means any member state in which a licensee holds a current license or compact  
14      privilege or is applying for a license or compact privilege.

15      15. "Physical therapist" means an individual who is licensed by a state to practice physical therapy.

16      16. "Physical therapist assistant" means an individual who is licensed/certified by a state and who  
17      assists the physical therapist in selected components of physical therapy.

18      17. "Physical therapy", "physical therapy practice", and "the practice of physical therapy" mean the  
19      care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

20      18. "Physical therapy compact commission" or "commission" means the national administrative  
21      body whose membership consists of all states that have enacted the compact.

22      19. "Physical therapy licensing board" or "licensing board" means the agency of a state that is  
23      responsible for the licensing and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

24      20. "Remote state" means a member state other than the home state, where a licensee is exercising  
25      or seeking to exercise the compact privilege.

26      21. "Rule" means a regulation, principle, or directive promulgated by the commission that has the  
27      force of law.

28      22. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America  
29      that regulates the practice of physical therapy.

### 30      334.1206. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

#### 31      A. To participate in the compact, a state must:

32      1. Participate fully in the commission's data system, including using the commission's unique  
33      identifier as defined in rules;

34      2. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensees;

35      3. Notify the commission, in compliance with the terms of the compact and rules, of any adverse  
36      action or the availability of investigative information regarding a licensee;

37      4. Fully implement a criminal background check requirement, within a time frame established by  
38      rule, by receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search on criminal background  
39      checks and use the results in making licensure decisions in accordance with section 334.1206.B.;

40      5. Comply with the rules of the commission;

41      6. Utilize a recognized national examination as a requirement for licensure pursuant to the rules of  
42      the commission; and

43      7. Have continuing competence requirements as a condition for license renewal.

44      B. Upon adoption of sections 334.1200 to 334.1233, the member state shall have the authority to  
45      obtain biometric-based information from each physical therapy licensure applicant and submit this  
46      information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal background check in accordance with 28  
47      U.S.C. Section 534 and 42 U.S.C. Section 14616.

48      C. A member state shall grant the compact privilege to a licensee holding a valid unencumbered  
49      license in another member state in accordance with the terms of the compact and rules.

50      D. Member states may charge a fee for granting a compact privilege.

### 51      334.1209. COMPACT PRIVILEGE

52      A. To exercise the compact privilege under the terms and provisions of the compact, the licensee  
53      shall:

- 1 1. Hold a license in the home state;
- 2 2. Have no encumbrance on any state license;
- 3 3. Be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state in accordance with section 334.1209D, G
- 4 and H;
- 5 4. Have not had any adverse action against any license or compact privilege within the previous 2
- 6 years;
- 7 5. Notify the commission that the licensee is seeking the compact privilege within a remote state(s);
- 8 6. Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the compact privilege;
- 9 7. Meet any jurisprudence requirements established by the remote state(s) in which the licensee is
- 10 seeking a compact privilege; and
- 11 8. Report to the commission adverse action taken by any nonmember state within thirty days from
- 12 the date the adverse action is taken.
- 13 B. The compact privilege is valid until the expiration date of the home license. The licensee must
- 14 comply with the requirements of section 334.1209.A. to maintain the compact privilege in the remote state.
- 15 C. A licensee providing physical therapy in a remote state under the compact privilege shall function
- 16 within the laws and regulations of the remote state.
- 17 D. A licensee providing physical therapy in a remote state is subject to that state's regulatory
- 18 authority. A remote state may, in accordance with due process and that state's laws, remove a licensee's
- 19 compact privilege in the remote state for a specific period of time, impose fines, and/or take any other
- 20 necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens. The licensee is not eligible for a compact
- 21 privilege in any state until the specific time for removal has passed and all fines are paid.
- 22 E. If a home state license is encumbered, the licensee shall lose the compact privilege in any remote
- 23 state until the following occur:
- 24 1. The home state license is no longer encumbered; and
- 25 2. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse action.
- 26 F. Once an encumbered license in the home state is restored to good standing, the licensee must
- 27 meet the requirements of section 334.1209A to obtain a compact privilege in any remote state.
- 28 G. If a licensee's compact privilege in any remote state is removed, the individual shall lose the
- 29 compact privilege in any remote state until the following occur:
- 30 1. The specific period of time for which the compact privilege was removed has ended;
- 31 2. All fines have been paid; and
- 32 3. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse action.
- 33 H. Once the requirements of section 334.1209G have been met, the license must meet the
- 34 requirements in section 334.1209A to obtain a compact privilege in a remote state.
- 35 334.1212. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR THEIR SPOUSES
- 36 A licensee who is active duty military or is the spouse of an individual who is active duty military
- 37 may designate one of the following as the home state:
- 38 A. Home of record;
- 39 B. Permanent change of station (PCS); or
- 40 C. State of current residence if it is different than the PCS state or home of record.
- 41 334.1215. ADVERSE ACTIONS
- 42 A. A home state shall have exclusive power to impose adverse action against a license issued by the
- 43 home state.
- 44 B. A home state may take adverse action based on the investigative information of a remote state, so
- 45 long as the home state follows its own procedures for imposing adverse action.
- 46 C. Nothing in this compact shall override a member state's decision that participation in an
- 47 alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action and that such participation shall remain nonpublic
- 48 if required by the member state's laws. Member states must require licensees who enter any alternative
- 49 programs in lieu of discipline to agree not to practice in any other member state during the term of the
- 50 alternative program without prior authorization from such other member state.
- 51 D. Any member state may investigate actual or alleged violations of the statutes and rules
- 52 authorizing the practice of physical therapy in any other member state in which a physical therapist or
- 53 physical therapist assistant holds a license or compact privilege.

1 E. A remote state shall have the authority to:

2 1. Take adverse actions as set forth in section 334.1209.D. against a licensee's compact privilege in  
3 the state;

4 2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of  
5 witnesses, and the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a physical therapy licensing board in a party  
6 state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and/or the production of evidence from another party  
7 state, shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and  
8 procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing  
9 authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes  
10 of the state where the witnesses and/or evidence are located; and

11 3. If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the licensee the costs of investigations and  
12 disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that licensee.

13 F. Joint Investigations

14 1. In addition to the authority granted to a member state by its respective physical therapy practice  
15 act or other applicable state law, a member state may participate with other member states in joint  
16 investigations of licensees.

17 2. Member states shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of  
18 any joint or individual investigation initiated under the compact.

19 334.1218. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT COMMISSION.

20 A. The compact member states hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the  
21 physical therapy compact commission:

22 1. The commission is an instrumentality of the compact states.

23 2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the commission shall be brought solely  
24 and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the commission is located.  
25 The commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to  
26 participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

27 3. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

28 B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

29 1. Each member state shall have and be limited to one delegate selected by that member state's  
30 licensing board.

31 2. The delegate shall be a current member of the licensing board, who is a physical therapist,  
32 physical therapist assistant, public member, or the board administrator.

33 3. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from  
34 which the delegate is appointed.

35 4. The member state board shall fill any vacancy occurring in the commission.

36 5. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote with regard to the promulgation of rules and creation  
37 of bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the  
38 commission.

39 6. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws  
40 may provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

41 7. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be  
42 held as set forth in the bylaws.

43 C. The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

44 1. Establish the fiscal year of the commission;

45 2. Establish bylaws;

46 3. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

47 4. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws;

48 5. Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this  
49 compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all member states;

50 6. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the commission, provided that  
51 the standing of any state physical therapy licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be  
52 affected;

53 7. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

8. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;

9. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and to establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

10. Accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to receive, utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and/or conflict of interest;

11. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

12. Sell convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

13. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

14. Borrow money;

15. Appoint committees, including standing committees comprised of members, state regulators, state legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this compact and the bylaws;

16. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

17. Establish and elect an executive board; and

18. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with the state regulation of physical therapy licensure and practice.

#### D. The Executive Board

The executive board shall have the power to act on behalf of the commission according to the terms of this compact.

1. The executive board shall be comprised of nine members:

a. Seven voting members who are elected by the commission from the current membership of the commission;

b. One ex officio, nonvoting member from the recognized national physical therapy professional association; and

c. One ex officio, nonvoting member from the recognized membership organization of the physical therapy licensing boards.

2. The ex officio members will be selected by their respective organizations.

3. The commission may remove any member of the executive board as provided in bylaws.

4. The executive board shall meet at least annually.

5. The executive board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this compact legislation, fees paid by compact member states such as annual dues, and any commission compact fee charged to licensees for the compact privilege;

b. Ensure compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;

c. Prepare and recommend the budget;

d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

e. Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the commission;

f. Establish additional committees as necessary; and

g. Other duties as provided in rules or bylaws.

#### E. Meetings of the Commission

1. All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in section 334.1224.

2. The commission or the executive board or other committees of the commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the commission or executive board or other committees of the commission must discuss:

- 1 a. Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations under the compact;
- 2 b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to
- 3 specific employees or other matters related to the commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;
- 4 c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;
- 5 d. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;
- 6 e. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;
- 7 f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or
- 8 confidential;
- 9 g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly
- 10 unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- 11 h. Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;
- 12 i. Disclosure of information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for
- 13 use of the commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of
- 14 compliance issues pursuant to the compact; or j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal
- 15 or member state statute.

16 3. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the commission's legal  
 17 counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting  
 18 provision.

19 4. The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a  
 20 meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including  
 21 a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be  
 22 identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject  
 23 to release by a majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### 24 F. Financing of the Commission

25 1. The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its  
 26 establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.

27 2. The commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources, donations, and grants of  
 28 money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services.

29 3. The commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state or  
 30 impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the commission and its staff,  
 31 which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which  
 32 revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based  
 33 upon a formula to be determined by the commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member  
 34 states.

35 4. The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to  
 36 meet the same; nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with  
 37 the authority of the member state.

38 5. The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and  
 39 disbursements of the commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under  
 40 its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission shall be audited  
 41 yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and  
 42 become part of the annual report of the commission.

#### 43 G. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

44 1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the commission shall  
 45 be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to  
 46 or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged  
 47 act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis  
 48 for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that  
 49 nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit and/or liability for any  
 50 damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

51 2. The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative  
 52 of the commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act,  
 53 error, or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or

1 that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
 2 scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed  
 3 to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged  
 4 act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

5 3. The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director,  
 6 employee, or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained  
 7 against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of  
 8 commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing  
 9 occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or  
 10 alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that  
 11 person.

#### 12 334.1221. DATA SYSTEM

13 A. The commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, and utilization of a coordinated  
 14 database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and investigative information on all  
 15 licensed individuals in member states.

16 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a member state shall submit a  
 17 uniform data set to the data system on all individuals to whom this compact is applicable as required by the  
 18 rules of the commission, including:

19 1. Identifying information;

20 2. Licensure data;

21 3. Adverse actions against a license or compact privilege;      4. Nonconfidential information  
 22 related to alternative program participation;

23 5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial; and

24 6. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this compact, as determined by the  
 25 rules of the commission.

26 C. Investigative information pertaining to a licensee in any member state will only be available to  
 27 other party states.

28 D. The commission shall promptly notify all member states of any adverse action taken against a  
 29 licensee or an individual applying for a license. Adverse action information pertaining to a licensee in any  
 30 member state will be available to any other member state.

31 E. Member states contributing information to the data system may designate information that may  
 32 not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing state. F. Any information  
 33 submitted to the data system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the member state  
 34 contributing the information shall be removed from the data system.

#### 35 334.1224. RULEMAKING

36 A. The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this  
 37 section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date  
 38 specified in each rule or amendment.

39 B. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or  
 40 resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact within four years of the date of adoption of the rule,  
 41 then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any member state.

42 C. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the  
 43 commission.

44 D. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the commission, and at least thirty  
 45 days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the commission shall  
 46 file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

47 1. On the website of the commission or other publicly accessible platform; and

48 2. On the website of each member state physical therapy licensing board or other publicly accessible  
 49 platform or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

50 E. The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:

51 1. The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in which the rule will be considered and  
 52 voted upon;

53 2. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed rule;

- 1        3. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and  
2        4. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the commission of their intention to  
3 attend the public hearing and any written comments.  
4        F. Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the commission shall allow persons to submit written data,  
5 facts, opinions, and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.  
6        G. The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or  
7 amendment if a hearing is requested by:  
8        1. At least twenty-five persons;  
9        2. A state or federal governmental subdivision or agency; or  
10 3. An association having at least twenty-five members.  
11        H. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the commission shall publish the place,  
12 time, and date of the scheduled public hearing. If the hearing is held via electronic means, the commission  
13 shall publish the mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.  
14        1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the executive director of the  
15 commission or other designated member in writing of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less  
16 than five business days before the scheduled date of the hearing.  
17        2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair  
18 and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.  
19        3. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording will be made available on request.  
20        4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may  
21 be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.  
22        I. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled hearing date if  
23 the hearing was not held, the commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.  
24        J. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by interested parties is received, the  
25 commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.  
26        K. The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed rule  
27 and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the full text of  
28 the rule.  
29        L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission may consider and adopt an  
30 emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that the usual  
31 rulemaking procedures provided in the compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as  
32 soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety days after the effective date of the rule. For the  
33 purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:  
34        1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;  
35        2. Prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;  
36        3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by federal law  
37 or rule; or  
38        4. Protect public health and safety.  
39        M. The commission or an authorized committee of the commission may direct revisions to a  
40 previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format,  
41 errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of  
42 the commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty days after  
43 posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a  
44 rule. A challenge shall be made in writing, and delivered to the chair of the commission prior to the end of  
45 the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision  
46 is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the commission.  
47        334.1227. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT  
48        A. Oversight  
49        1. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government in each member state shall  
50 enforce this compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and  
51 intent. The provisions of this compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as statutory  
52 law.  
53        2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative



proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the commission.

3. The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.

#### B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

1. If the commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the commission shall:

a. Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of curing the default and/or any other action to be taken by the commission; and

b. Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the member states, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

3. Termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each of the member states.

4. A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

5. The commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the commission and the defaulting state.

6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

#### C. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a member state, the commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states.

2. The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

#### D. Enforcement

1. The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this compact.

2. By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices against a member state in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the commission. The commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or state law.

### 334.1230. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE AND ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT

A. The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state. The provisions, which become effective at that time, shall be limited to the powers granted to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary to the implementation and administration of the compact.

B. Any state that joins the compact subsequent to the commission's initial adoption of the rules shall

1 be subject to the rules as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes law in that state. Any rule  
2 that has been previously adopted by the commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the  
3 compact becomes law in that state.

4 C. Any member state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

5 1. A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until six months after enactment of the  
6 repealing statute.

7 2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing state's physical therapy  
8 licensing board to comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting requirements of this act prior to  
9 the effective date of withdrawal.

10 D. Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any physical  
11 therapy licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a member state and a nonmember  
12 state that does not conflict with the provisions of this compact.

13 E. This compact may be amended by the member states. No amendment to this compact shall  
14 become effective and binding upon any member state until it is enacted into the laws of all member states.

15 334.1233. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

16 This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of  
17 this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to  
18 be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any  
19 government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and  
20 the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If  
21 this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any party state, the compact shall remain in full  
22 force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party state affected as to  
23 all severable matters."; and

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25 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.  
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