

HB 3458 -- MESSAGE THERAPIST COMPACT

SPONSOR: Coleman

This bill creates the "Interstate Massage Compact". Massage therapists licensed in a state that participates in the Compact can practice in other participating states without additional requirements.

The bill specifies the conditions for a state to join and continue as a participating state, such as enacting a compact that is not materially different from the model compact, implementing a criminal background check requirement, accepting certain examinations and accreditations, and paying a participation fee to the Interstate Massage Compact Commission. The bill defines the qualifications and obligations of a licensee seeking to obtain and exercise a compact privilege in a remote state, such as having a qualifying license, meeting any jurisprudence requirement, reporting any adverse action, and complying with the scope of practice of the remote state.

The bill establishes the "Interstate Massage Compact Commission", composed of one commissioner from each participating state, to administer and enforce the Compact. The Commission will have the power to adopt rules and bylaws, maintain a data system, charge fees, conduct investigations, hire employees, take disciplinary actions, issue subpoenas, initiate legal proceedings, and other operational tasks as specified in the bill. The bill also outlines the procedures and standards for the Commission's meetings, financial review, executive board, and annual report.