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# INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

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# **Overview of Interstate Compacts**



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# The Council of State Governments

Founded in 1933, CSG is our nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government.

Scope	Membership	Mission
The nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government	based membership	Champion excellence in state governments in order to advance the common good

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#### CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

### National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC)

- Technical assistance center at The Council of State Governments
- Seeks to help states work cooperatively to solve mutual issues and meet shared goals through interstate compacts
- Serves as an:
  - 1. Information clearinghouse
  - 2. Provider of training and technical assistance
  - 3. Primary facilitator for assisting states in the review, revision and creation of new interstate compacts



Multistate Problem Solving with Interstate Compacts



## Impetus and Importance of the Project



**Patricia Barron** Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy



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#### Who We Are and What We Do

The Defense-State Liaison Office provides state policymakers with expert insight on issues affecting military families and their quality of life.

This is part of the Defense Department's efforts to identify and address the most pressing needs of service members and military families.



### **DEFENSE-STATE LIAISON OFFICE**



### **Meet the Regional Liaisons**



Tammie Perreault Northwest Regional Liaison AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY



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### Working With State Policymakers and Military Community Advocates





For additional information, visit statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil

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## **Profession's Perspective on License Portability and Interstate Compacts**



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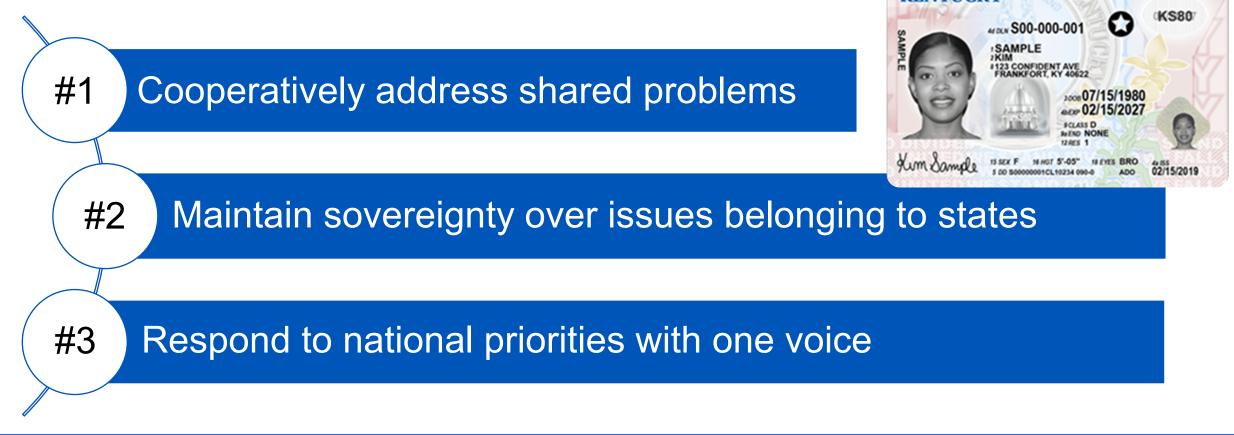


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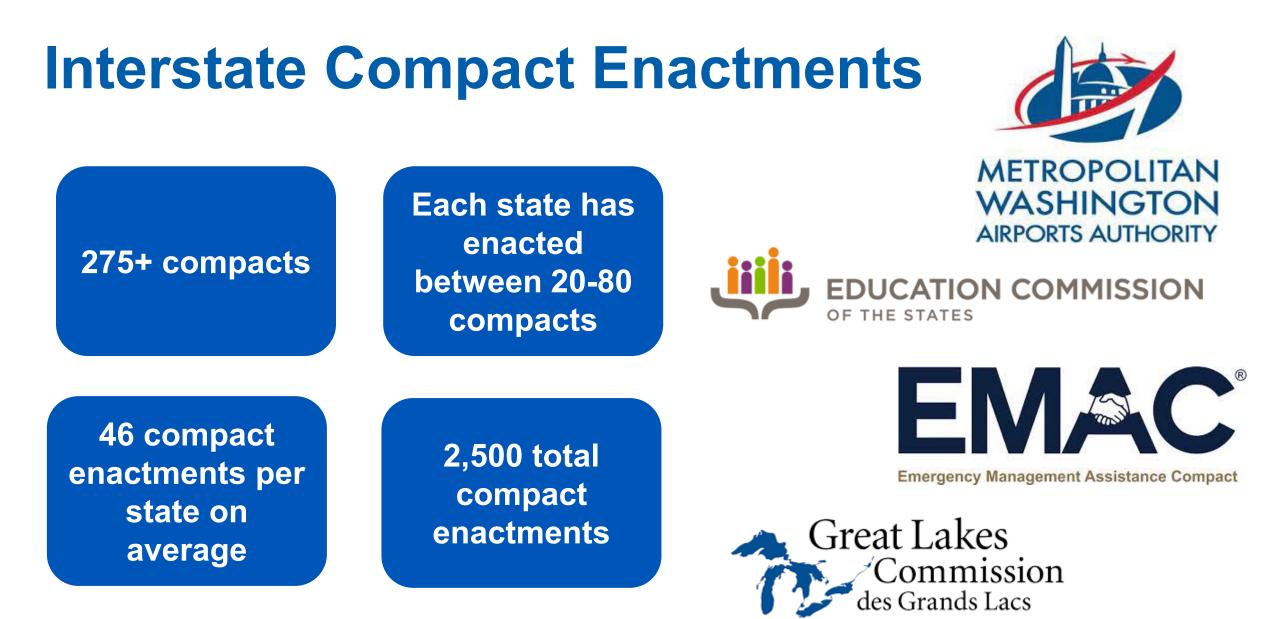
# **INTERSTATE COMPACTS 101**

# What is an interstate compact?

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









# **Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts**

Facilitate Multistate Practice Maintain or Improve Public Health and Safety

Preserve State Authority Over Professional Licensing

50 states and territories have adopted at least 1 compact.
41 states and territories have adopted at least 3 compacts.

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Over 290 pieces of occupational licensure compact legislation have been enacted since January 2016.



17 interstate compacts for occupational licensing.



### **Benefits to Practitioners**



**Reduced barriers to licensure portability** 



Leverages Advancing Technology: Telepractice



Supports relocating military members and their families



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## **Benefits to Licensing Boards**

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Agreement On Uniform Licensure Requirements

Shared Data System

Retain control of scope of practice and initial licensure process



### **Benefits to States**

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Strengthens State Sovereignty

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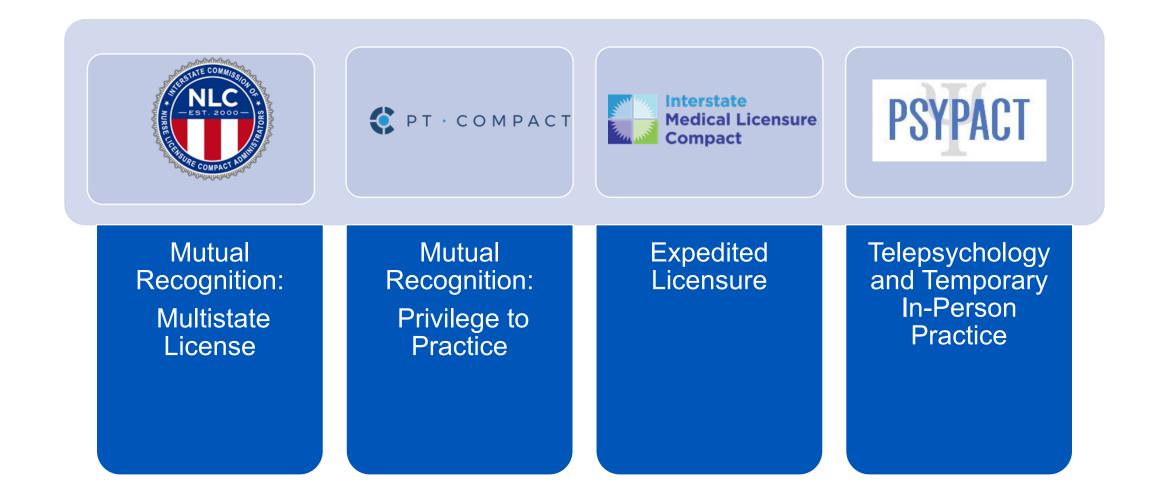
**Enhance Cooperation Between States** 

**Strengthens Labor Markets** 

**Expands Health Care Access** 



### **Variation of Interstate Compact Models**





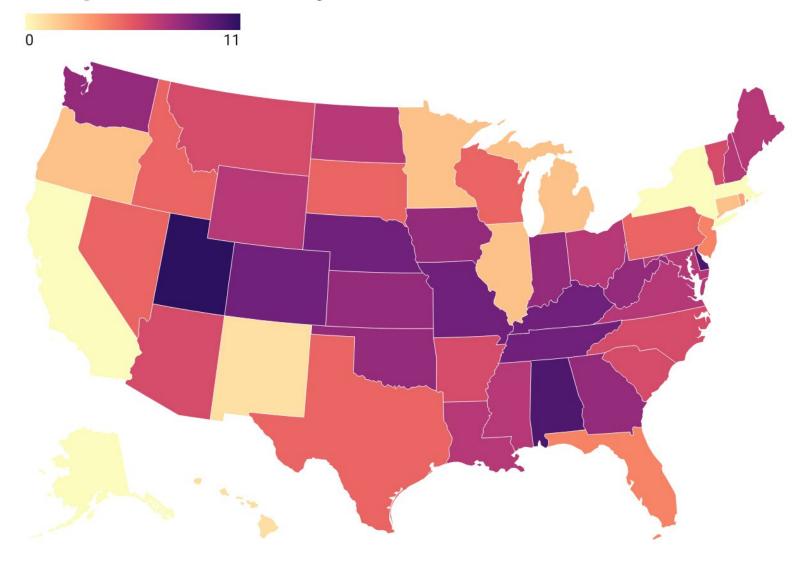
#### **Licensure Compact Enactments**

Enacted Physicans 41 Nurses 41 **Psychologists** Physical Therapy 37 Counselors 30 Audiologist and Speech-Language 29 Pathologists Occupational Therapists and Assistants 24 **Emergency Medical Services** Teachers 10 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Cosmetologists Dentists and Dental Hygienists 2 Physician Assistants Massage Therapists Social Workers

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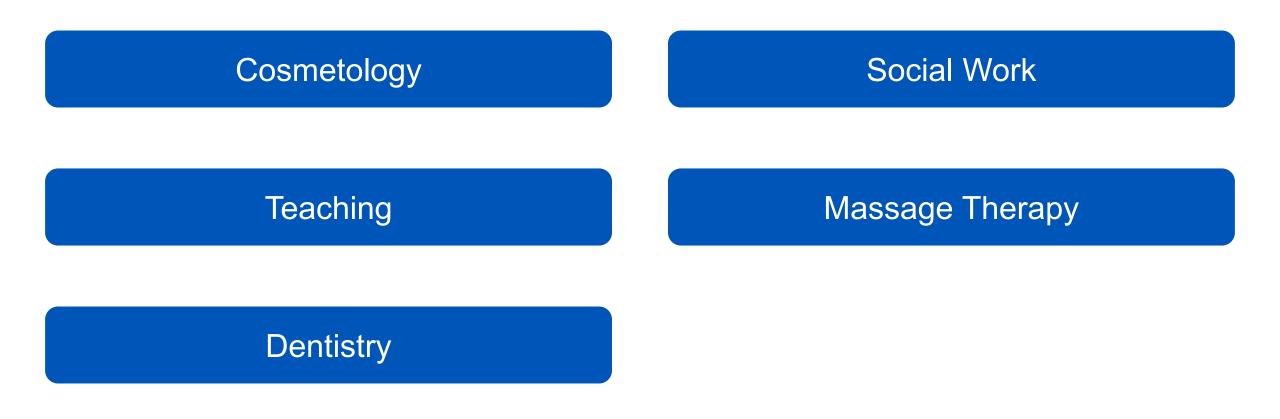
#### **Compact Enactments by State**



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### Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts Developed Under DoD Cooperative Agreement





### Occupational Licensing Interstate Compacts Under Development

**Respiratory Therapists** 

**Dietitians\*** 

School Psychologists\*



# **Compact Development Process**

#### Phase I Development

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GROUP

- Composed of approximately 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 Technical Assistance Group 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 TA group and released to states for consideration

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#### Phase II Enactment and Education

#### EDUCATION

- Develop comprehensive legislative resource kit
- Develop informational website with state-bystate 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 the 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

# What to expect

- Opportunity for review and comment on draft compact legislation
- Updates to be shared via the project website (linked to https://compacts.csg.org/)
- Supporting compact resources (FAQs, policy guides, webinar recordings)





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# AUDIENCE Q&A SESSION

Thank you for submitting your questions!

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