

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

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| Bill No. | H2531/S1608 |
| Title: | <i>An Act relative to physician assistant interstate compact</i> |
| Sponsor: | Representative Lindsay N. Sabadosa/Senator Jacob R. Oliveira |
| Committee: | Public Health |
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| Similar Matters: | S1608 |
| Prior History: | New file |
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| Current Law: | None |

Summary:

This bill adds a new chapter to the General Laws, Chapter 112B, providing for an interstate licensure compact for physician assistants.

CHAPTER 112B

SECTION 1 sets forth the purposes of the licensure compact.

SECTION 2 contains definitions of terms used in the chapter.

SECTION 3 provides the requirements for a state to participate in the compact, including a requirement for background checks of licensees.

SECTION 4 sets forth the requirements a licensee must meet to exercise the compact privilege under the terms and provisions of the compact.

SECTION 5 requires licensees to identify the participating state from which they are applying in their application for compact privileges. Applicants must provide their primary residence address and consent to accept service of process by mail at said primary address.

SECTION 6 governs adverse actions by member states. A home state would have exclusive power to take adverse action against a license issued by the home state. This section contains the authority of a state to take adverse actions, issue subpoenas and conduct investigations, among other things.

SECTION 7 provides for the creation of a joint government agency and national administrative body that would be known as the physician assistant licensure compact commission. This section provides for each participating state to have and be limited to 1 delegate on the commission and outlines the requirements for delegates. It also provides for the establishment of an executive committee and specifies its powers and duties. The section also includes provisions relative to financing of the commission and liability and indemnification.

SECTION 8 would require the commission to provide for the development, maintenance, and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states. The section specifies the kinds of information that must be contained in the database.

SECTION 9 sets forth the rule-making authority of the commission and specifies the procedures for establishing commission rules, including notices and hearings.

SECTION 10 governs oversight, dispute resolution and enforcement with respect to member states. The section provides for remedies regarding states that default on obligations under the compact and for termination of membership under certain circumstances.

SECTION 11 provides that the compact would come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh member state. Other provisions in section 11 contain rules with respect to withdrawal from the compact.

SECTIONS 12-13 contain provisions respecting the construction of the statute and the severability of invalid provisions.