

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

<u>BILL NUMBER:</u>	H427
<u>TITLE:</u>	An Act relative to the occupational therapist interstate licensure compact
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<u>HEARING DATE:</u>	September 8, 2025
<u>REPORTING DEADLINE:</u>	November 7, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-2024): H352 - Accompanied a study order, see H4680.

CURRENT LAW

Sections 23G and 23H of Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws govern the qualifications for applicants for licensure as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants as overseen by the Board of Allied Health Professionals (established in Section 11A of Chapter 13).

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to establish the Commonwealth as a member of the "Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact" through the adoption of model legislation (see otcompact.gov).

The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact ("OT Compact") is an interstate compact, or formal agreement among states, that facilitates the interstate practice of occupational therapy.

Under the OT Compact, Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants who are licensed in good standing in a Compact member state may practice in other Compact member states via a "compact privilege," which is equivalent to a license.

The OT Compact also seeks to establish a licensure data system allowing for instantaneous verification of licensure information. An interstate commission, composed of member state officials, shall carry out the Compact's purposes.