

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 37 (SB 34)

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New law enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact to take effect once adopted in 10 member states. Allows Louisiana to join a multistate compact which allows audiologists and speech-language pathologists to obtain multistate license privileges to practice in participating compact states, to decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of audiologist and speech-language pathologist licensure, and to provide opportunity for interstate practice by audiologists and speech-language pathologists who meet the uniform licensure requirements.

Provides that the compact facilitates the interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology to assist in improving public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services.

Provides that the compact encourages the multistate regulation of audiology and speech-language pathology practice, enhances exchange of licensure, investigative and disciplinary information among its members, allows for use of telehealth technology to facilitate increased access to audiology and speech-language pathology services, supports spouses of relocating active duty military personnel, and allows a remote state to hold a provider of services with a compact privilege in that state accountable to that state's practice standards.

Provides that active duty military personnel, or their spouses, shall designate a home state where the individual has a current license in good standing and that the individual may retain the home state designation during the period the service member is on active duty. Provides that subsequent to designating a home state, the individual shall only change their home state through application for licensure in the new state.

Provides for the establishment of a joint agency known as the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Commission and membership by representatives from compact states.

Provides for construction and severability.

Effective July 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 37:2678.1)