

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 263 (SB 186)

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Existing law provides that a person who wishes to practice occupational therapy in Louisiana must meet certain minimum qualifications for state licensure.

New law enacts the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. New law allows Louisiana to join a multi-state compact for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in participating compact states to enhance the portability of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant license and ensure the safety of patients.

New law provides for each participating state in the compact to adopt similar requirements for expedited licensure, including satisfaction of criminal background checks, licensure, and education. New law requires all participating states to verify licensure information through a coordinated information system and exchange information regarding discipline and adverse actions. New law provides that the occupational therapy regulatory board in the state where the patient is located shall regulate the occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in that state.

New law establishes the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission and grants each participating state one delegate on the commission chosen from the current members of the state licensing board or the administrators of the state licensing board. New law provides for the powers, duties, financial authority, organization, and rulemaking functions of the commission. New law authorizes the commission to levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state. New law authorizes the commission to initiate legal action in federal court in the District of Columbia or where the commission has its principal offices to enforce the compact's provisions.

New law provides for oversight, enforcement, dispute resolution, and withdrawal from the compact. New law further provides for construction and severability.

Effective January 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 37:3001; adds R.S. 37:3021)