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HB 582 Engrossed

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Abstract: Adds Louisiana to the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

Proposed law allows Louisiana to join the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for Louisiana, as a participating state, to adopt the same uniform professional counseling licensure requirements as the states in the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

Proposed law eliminates the requirement for licenses in multiple states.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for multistate practice regulations and the exchange of licensure among member states.

Proposed law provides for spousal support for relocating active duty military personnel.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes telehealth technology for states in the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

(Amends R.S. 37:1103(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 37:1131-1145)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Define "criminal history background check" to include all state records of arrest, prosecution, and conviction, including those which have been expunged or dismissed pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as national records which shall include fingerprints of the applicant, biometrics, and other identifying information.
- 2. Provide standard criminal background check provisions that are common to health professional licensing boards and regulated by the state.
- 3. Prohibit communications between a member state, the commission, and among member states regarding the verification of eligibility for licensure through the compact from including any information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the

Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information relative to any federal criminal records check performed by a member state.

4. Make technical corrections.