

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 312 (HB 543)**

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New law provides for the creation of the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact.

New law provides that the purpose of the compact is to expedite licensure and increase access to dental health care through licensure boards acting in cooperation.

New law requires the compact to do all of the following:

- (1) Allow for expedited licensure portability and ease of movement of licensees between states.
- (2) Allow each state to continue to regulate the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene within its borders.
- (3) Protect the public by ensuring a uniform licensure standard and sharing of information in the compact.
- (4) Require passage of the uniform licensure examination that assesses psychomotor and cognitive dental skills and is currently accepted in fifty state licensing jurisdictions and United States territories.
- (5) Give licensees one location to maintain professional documentation to expedite license transfers.
- (6) Facilitate a faster licensure process for relocation or separation of military members and their dependent spouses; there are no compact fees for military members or their spouses.
- (7) Alleviate a duplicative process for licensure among multiple states.

New law defines applicable terms.

New law prohibits each member state within the compact from enacting a compact that is materially different from this compact.

New law establishes the powers and duties of the member states and the commission.

New law establishes certain criteria for membership, voting, and meetings.

New law provides for a member state's obligations and duties to the commission, such as providing necessary and required documentation and data.

New law requires a dentist or dental hygienist, who applies for compact license privileges, to satisfy the necessary dentistry requirements as provided by the compact. New law further provides other eligibility requirements a dentist or dental hygienist must satisfy in order to be in compliance with the compact.

New law provides that each licensee holding a compact license privilege shall be subject to and comply with the laws and regulations of the member state where the licensee practices under a compact license privilege.

New law provides that each licensee holding a compact license privilege shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the member state dental board of the state where the licensee practices.

New law provides that a licensee holding a compact license privilege may have an adverse action taken against him by any of the following:

- (1) The member state dental board of the member state where he is practicing with a compact license privilege.
- (2) The licensee's home state.
- (3) The state licensing authority of a state that is not a member state from where the licensee holds a license.

New law provides that no compact fee shall be required of any active-duty military member or his spouse for up to one year after separation from service. New law also allows a member state issuing a compact license privilege to waive fees for active-duty military members or their spouses.

New law establishes the procedure for conducting joint investigations and disciplinary actions.

New law allows insurance companies and entities verifying documents for licensing purposes to seek information from the clearinghouse for public record documents.

New law requires the commission to promulgate any reasonable rules necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the compact. New law further provides that the rules issued by the commission shall have the force of law in each member state.

New law establishes provisions for governmental oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the compact.

New law provides that the compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the fifth member state. New law further establishes provisions for a state's withdrawal and dissolution from the compact.

New law establishes certain provisions for rulemaking and severability.

New law further provides that nothing in new law shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the compact.

New law provides that any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal requirements in a member state in conflict with the compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

New law establishes rules of order for meetings of the compact commission and its committees.

New law exempts certain provisions of new law from public records requests.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24); Adds R.S. 37:799)