

1 VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION

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3 Interstate Physician Licensing Compact

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5 *Adopted November 7, 2015*

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7 Whereas, an interstate licensing compact law designed to streamline licensing for physicians who  
8 seek licensing in multiple states has been adopted in 11 states; and

9 Whereas, the Interstate Compact is expected to be operational in the next twelve to eighteen  
10 months; and

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12 Whereas, the states that have adopted the compact will form an Interstate Compact Commission  
13 (Commission) to administer the compact; and

14 Whereas, the Commission has a number of powers and duties including promulgating rules that  
15 will bind Compact member states, and enforcing compliance with the Compact; and

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17 Whereas, the rules to be adopted by the Commission will determine the application fee for a  
18 compact license, the renewal fee and process for compact licenses, the process for issuing a compact  
19 license, the administrative assessment on compact states to fund the operations of the Commission  
20 and the process for sharing disciplinary and investigatory information with other compact member  
21 boards; and

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23 Whereas, the Commission has received some grant funding to support establishment of the  
24 Commission, and creation of bylaws, rules, processes, technical infrastructure, and educational  
25 outreach for the Commission; and

26 Whereas, the compact is binding and a compact state may only withdraw from the compact one  
27 year after the state legislature has repealed the compact law; and

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29 Whereas, none of the states bordering Vermont have introduced or are expected to introduce the  
30 interstate compact legislation at this time; and

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32 Whereas, to date the Vermont Medical Society has not taken a position on S. 8, the Interstate  
33 Compact bill that was introduced in Vermont in 2015; now therefore be it

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35 **RESOLVED, that the Vermont Medical Society, in making a determination of whether to**  
36 **support S. 8 or other legislation to establish the interstate physician licensing compact in**  
37 **Vermont shall consider whether the following issues have been satisfactorily addressed:**

- 38 1. **Financial concerns about the potential impact of joining the compact on the license**  
39 **fees for Vermont physicians;**  
40 2. **Legal concerns about the rules requiring Compact boards to share disciplinary**  
41 **information and enabling other states to participate in investigations;**  
42 3. **Administrative concerns about the potential for limitations on the ability of Vermont**  
43 **to determine what information about Vermont licensees is reported, is confidential, is**  
44 **part of licensee profiles, and is part of the public record;**  
45 4. **Administrative concerns about the potential for increased administrative burden on**  
46 **the Vermont Board of Medical Practice;**  
47 5. **Any concerns about the operations of the Compact that arise after rulemaking is**  
48 **completed based on a review of the rules;**

- 1       **6. Clarification that board certification and maintenance of certification are only**
- 2       **required for physicians seeking interstate compact licenses and will not be required**
- 3       **for Vermont licensees who do not seek interstate compact licenses; and**
- 4       **7. Understanding of how inconsistencies and variability in compact member states'**
- 5       **definitions of complaints and unprofessional conduct will be addressed for compact**
- 6       **licensees.**

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8 Resources:

9 S. 8 Interstate Physician License Compact – Bill as Introduced:

10 [http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/BILLS/S-0008/S-](http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/BILLS/S-0008/S-0008%20As%20Introduced.pdf)

11 [0008%20As%20Introduced.pdf](http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/BILLS/S-0008/S-0008%20As%20Introduced.pdf)

12 Link to FAQ about the Interstate Compact: <http://www.licenseportability.org/faq.html>

13 Link to HRSA grant news release about funding for compact:

14 [https://www.fsmb.org/Media/Default/PDF/Publications/Compact\\_Commission\\_Grant\\_July0717](https://www.fsmb.org/Media/Default/PDF/Publications/Compact_Commission_Grant_July071715A.pdf)

15 [15A.pdf](https://www.fsmb.org/Media/Default/PDF/Publications/Compact_Commission_Grant_July071715A.pdf)