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## AN ACT

- 1 Authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the
- 2 Cosmetology Licensure Compact; and providing for the form of
- 3 the compact.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Short title.
- 7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Cosmetology
- 8 Licensure Compact Act.
- 9 Section 2. Authority to execute compact.
- 10 The Governor, on behalf of the Commonwealth, is hereby
- 11 authorized to execute a compact in substantially the following
- 12 form with any one or more of the states of the United States and
- 13 the General Assembly hereby signifies in advance its approval
- 14 and ratification of the compact:
- 15 COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT
- 16 SECTION 1. PURPOSE
- 17 The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate the interstate
- 18 practice and regulation of Cosmetology with the goal of

- 1 improving public access to, and the safety of, Cosmetology
- 2 Services and reducing unnecessary burdens related to Cosmetology
- 3 licensure. Through this Compact, the Member States seek to
- 4 establish a regulatory framework which provides for a new
- 5 multistate licensing program. Through this new licensing
- 6 program, the Member States seek to provide increased value and
- 7 mobility to licensed Cosmetologists in the Member States, while
- 8 ensuring the provision of safe, effective, and reliable services
- 9 to the public.
- 10 This Compact is designed to achieve the following objectives,
- 11 and the Member States hereby ratify the same intentions by
- 12 subscribing hereto:
- 13 A. Provide opportunities for interstate practice by
- 14 Cosmetologists who meet uniform requirements for multistate
- 15 licensure;
- B. Enhance the abilities of Member States to protect public
- 17 health and safety, and prevent fraud and unlicensed activity
- 18 within the profession;
- 19 C. Ensure and encourage cooperation between Member States in
- 20 the licensure and regulation of the Practice of Cosmetology;
- 21 D. Support relocating military members and their spouses;
- 22 E. Facilitate the exchange of information between Member
- 23 States related to the licensure, investigation, and discipline
- 24 of the Practice of Cosmetology;
- 25 F. Provide for the licensure and mobility of the workforce in
- 26 the profession, while addressing the shortage of workers and
- 27 lessening the associated burdens on the Member States.
- 28 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS
- 29 As used in this Compact, and except as otherwise provided,
- 30 the following definitions shall govern the terms herein:

- 1 A. "Active Military Member" means any person with full-time
- 2 duty status in the armed forces of the United States, including
- 3 members of the National Guard and Reserve.
- B. "Adverse Action" means any administrative, civil,
- 5 equitable, or criminal action permitted by a Member State's laws
- 6 which is imposed by a State Licensing Authority or other
- 7 regulatory body against a Cosmetologist, including actions
- 8 against an individual's license or Authorization to Practice
- 9 such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the
- 10 Licensee, limitation of the Licensee's practice, or any other
- 11 Encumbrance on a license affecting an individual's ability to
- 12 participate in the Cosmetology industry, including the issuance
- 13 of a cease and desist order.
- 14 C. "Authorization to Practice" means a legal authorization
- 15 associated with a Multistate License permitting the Practice of
- 16 Cosmetology in that Remote State, which shall be subject to the
- 17 enforcement jurisdiction of the State Licensing Authority in
- 18 that Remote State.
- D. "Alternative Program" means a non-disciplinary monitoring
- 20 or prosecutorial diversion program approved by a Member State's
- 21 State Licensing Authority.
- 22 E. "Background Check" means the submission of information for
- 23 an applicant for the purpose of obtaining that applicant's
- 24 criminal history record information, as further defined in 28
- 25 C.F.R. § 20.3(d), from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and
- 26 the agency responsible for retaining State criminal or
- 27 disciplinary history in the applicant's Home State.
- 28 F. "Charter Member State" means Member States who have
- 29 enacted legislation to adopt this Compact where such legislation
- 30 predates the effective date of this Compact as defined in

- 1 Article 13.
- 2 G. "Commission" means the government agency whose membership
- 3 consists of all States that have enacted this Compact, which is
- 4 known as the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission, as
- 5 defined in Article 9, and which shall operate as an
- 6 instrumentality of the Member States.
- 7 H. "Cosmetologist" means an individual licensed in their Home
- 8 State to practice Cosmetology.
- 9 I. "Cosmetology", "Cosmetology Services", and the "Practice
- 10 of Cosmetology" mean the care and services provided by a
- 11 Cosmetologist as set forth in the Member State's statutes and
- 12 regulations in the State where the services are being provided.
- J. "Current Significant Investigative Information" means:
- 14 1. Investigative Information that a State Licensing
- 15 Authority, after an inquiry or investigation that complies with
- 16 a Member State's due process requirements, has reason to believe
- 17 is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate a
- 18 violation of that State's laws regarding fraud or the Practice
- 19 of Cosmetology; or
- 20 2. Investigative Information that indicates that a Licensee
- 21 has engaged in fraud or represents an immediate threat to public
- 22 health and safety, regardless of whether the Licensee has been
- 23 notified and had an opportunity to respond.
- 24 K. "Data System" means a repository of information about
- 25 Licensees, including, but not limited to, license status,
- 26 Investigative Information, and Adverse Actions.
- 27 L. "Disqualifying Event" means any event which shall
- 28 disqualify an individual from holding a Multistate License under
- 29 this Compact, which the Commission may by Rule or order specify.
- 30 M. "Encumbered License" means a license in which an Adverse

- 1 Action restricts the Practice of Cosmetology by a Licensee, or
- 2 where said Adverse Action has been reported to the Commission.
- N. "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension of, or any
- 4 limitation on, the full and unrestricted Practice of Cosmetology
- 5 by a State Licensing Authority.
- 6 O. "Executive Committee" means a group of delegates elected
- 7 or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted
- 8 to them by, the Commission.
- 9 P. "Home State" means the Member State which is a Licensee's
- 10 primary State of residence, and where that Licensee holds an
- 11 active and unencumbered license to practice Cosmetology.
- 12 Q. "Investigative Information" means information, records, or
- 13 documents received or generated by a State Licensing Authority
- 14 pursuant to an investigation or other inquiry.
- 15 R. "Jurisprudence Requirement" means the assessment of an
- 16 individual's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the
- 17 Practice of Cosmetology in a State.
- 18 S. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds a
- 19 license from a Member State to practice as a Cosmetologist.
- 20 T. "Member State" means any State that has adopted this
- 21 Compact.
- 22 U. "Multistate License" means a license issued by and subject
- 23 to the enforcement jurisdiction of the State Licensing Authority
- 24 in a Licensee's Home State, which authorizes the Practice of
- 25 Cosmetology in Member States and includes Authorizations to
- 26 Practice Cosmetology in all Remote States pursuant to this
- 27 Compact.
- V. "Remote State" means any Member State, other than the
- 29 Licensee's Home State.
- 30 W. "Rule" means any rule or regulation promulgated by the

- 1 Commission under this Compact which has the force of law.
- 2 X. "Single-State License" means a Cosmetology license issued
- 3 by a Member State that authorizes practice of Cosmetology only
- 4 within the issuing State and does not include any authorization
- 5 outside of the issuing State.
- 6 Y. "State" means a State, territory, or possession of the
- 7 United States and the District of Columbia.
- 8 Z. "State Licensing Authority" means a Member State's
- 9 regulatory body responsible for issuing Cosmetology licenses or
- 10 otherwise overseeing the Practice of Cosmetology in that State.
- 11 SECTION 3. MEMBER STATE REQUIREMENTS
- 12 A. To be eligible to join this Compact, and to maintain
- 13 eligibility as a Member State, a State must:
- 14 1. License and regulate Cosmetology;
- 2. Have a mechanism or entity in place to receive and
- 16 investigate complaints about Licensees practicing in that State;
- 3. Require that Licensees within the State pass a Cosmetology
- 18 competency examination prior to being licensed to provide
- 19 Cosmetology Services to the public in that State;
- 4. Require that Licensees satisfy educational or training
- 21 requirements in Cosmetology prior to being licensed to provide
- 22 Cosmetology Services to the public in that State;
- 23 5. Implement procedures for considering one or more of the
- 24 following categories of information from applicants for
- 25 licensure: criminal history; disciplinary history; or Background
- 26 Check. Such procedures may include the submission of information
- 27 by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's
- 28 Background Check as defined herein;
- 29 6. Participate in the Data System, including through the use
- 30 of unique identifying numbers;

- 1 7. Share information related to Adverse Actions with the
- 2 Commission and other Member States, both through the Data System
- 3 and otherwise;
- 4 8. Notify the Commission and other Member States, in
- 5 compliance with the terms of this Compact and Rules of the
- 6 Commission, of the existence of Investigative Information or
- 7 Current Significant Investigative Information in the State's
- 8 possession regarding a Licensee practicing in that State;
- 9 9. Comply with such Rules as may be enacted by the Commission
- 10 to administer this Compact; and
- 10. Accept Licensees from other Member States as established
- 12 herein.
- 13 B. Member States may charge a fee for granting a license to
- 14 practice Cosmetology.
- 15 C. Individuals not residing in a Member State shall continue
- 16 to be able to apply for a Member State's Single-State License as
- 17 provided under the laws of each Member State. However, the
- 18 Single-State License granted to these individuals shall not be
- 19 recognized as granting a Multistate License to provide services
- 20 in any other Member State.
- 21 D. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements
- 22 established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single-State
- 23 License.
- 24 E. A Multistate License issued to a Licensee by a Home State
- 25 to a resident of that State shall be recognized by each Member
- 26 State as authorizing a Licensee to practice Cosmetology in each
- 27 Member State.
- 28 F. At no point shall the Commission have the power to define
- 29 the educational or professional requirements for a license to
- 30 practice Cosmetology. The Member States shall retain sole

- 1 jurisdiction over the provision of these requirements.
- 2 SECTION 4. MULTISTATE LICENSE
- 3 A. To be eligible to apply to their Home State's State
- 4 Licensing Authority for an initial Multistate License under this
- 5 Compact, a Licensee must hold an active and unencumbered Single-
- 6 State License to practice Cosmetology in their Home State.
- 7 B. Upon the receipt of an application for a Multistate
- 8 License, according to the Rules of the Commission, a Member
- 9 State's State Licensing Authority shall ascertain whether the
- 10 applicant meets the requirements for a Multistate License under
- 11 this Compact.
- 12 C. If an applicant meets the requirements for a Multistate
- 13 License under this Compact and any applicable Rules of the
- 14 Commission, the State Licensing Authority in receipt of the
- 15 application shall, within a reasonable time, grant a Multistate
- 16 License to that applicant, and inform all Member States of the
- 17 grant of said Multistate License.
- 18 D. A Multistate License to practice Cosmetology issued by a
- 19 Member State's State Licensing Authority shall be recognized by
- 20 each Member State as authorizing the practice thereof as though
- 21 that Licensee held a Single-State License to do so in each
- 22 Member State, subject to the restrictions herein.
- 23 E. A Multistate License granted pursuant to this Compact may
- 24 be effective for a definite period of time, concurrent with the
- 25 licensure renewal period in the Home State.
- 26 F. To maintain a Multistate License under this Compact, a
- 27 Licensee must:
- 1. Agree to abide by the rules of the State Licensing
- 29 Authority, and the State scope of practice laws governing the
- 30 Practice of Cosmetology, of any Member State in which the

- 1 Licensee provides services;
- 2. Pay all required fees related to the application and
- 3 process, and any other fees which the Commission may by Rule
- 4 require; and
- 5 3. Comply with any and all other requirements regarding
- 6 Multistate Licenses which the Commission may by Rule provide.
- 7 G. A Licensee practicing in a Member State is subject to all
- 8 scope of practice laws governing Cosmetology Services in that
- 9 State.
- 10 H. The Practice of Cosmetology under a Multistate License
- 11 granted pursuant to this Compact will subject the Licensee to
- 12 the jurisdiction of the State Licensing Authority, the courts,
- 13 and the laws of the Member State in which the Cosmetology
- 14 Services are provided.
- 15 SECTION 5. REISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE BY A NEW HOME
- 16 STATE
- 17 A. A Licensee may hold a Multistate License, issued by their
- 18 Home State, in only one Member State at any given time.
- 19 B. If a Licensee changes their Home State by moving between
- 20 two Member States:
- 21 1. The Licensee shall immediately apply for the reissuance of
- 22 their Multistate License in their new Home State. The Licensee
- 23 shall pay all applicable fees and notify the prior Home State in
- 24 accordance with the Rules of the Commission.
- 25 2. Upon receipt of an application to reissue a Multistate
- 26 License, the new Home State shall verify that the Multistate
- 27 License is active, unencumbered and eligible for reissuance
- 28 under the terms of this Compact and the Rules of the Commission.
- 29 The Multistate License issued by the prior Home State will be
- 30 deactivated and all Member States notified in accordance with

- 1 the applicable Rules adopted by the Commission.
- 2 3. If required for initial licensure, the new Home State may
- 3 require a Background Check as specified in the laws of that
- 4 State, or the compliance with any Jurisprudence Requirements of
- 5 the new Home State.
- 6 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Compact, if a
- 7 Licensee does not meet the requirements set forth in this
- 8 Compact for the reissuance of a Multistate License by the new
- 9 Home State, then the Licensee shall be subject to the new Home
- 10 State requirements for the issuance of a Single-State License in
- 11 that State.
- 12 C. If a Licensee changes their primary state of residence by
- 13 moving from a Member State to a non-Member State, or from a non-
- 14 Member State to a Member State, then the Licensee shall be
- 15 subject to the State requirements for the issuance of a Single-
- 16 State License in the new Home State.
- 17 D. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with a Licensee's
- 18 ability to hold a Single-State License in multiple States;
- 19 however, for the purposes of this Compact, a Licensee shall have
- 20 only one Home State, and only one Multistate License.
- 21 E. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with the
- 22 requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a
- 23 Single-State License.
- 24 SECTION 6. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATE
- 25 LICENSING AUTHORITIES
- 26 A. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule or regulation of the
- 27 Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any way
- 28 reduce the ability of a Member State to enact and enforce laws,
- 29 regulations, or other rules related to the Practice of
- 30 Cosmetology in that State, where those laws, regulations, or

- 1 other rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this
- 2 Compact.
- 3 B. Insofar as practical, a Member State's State Licensing
- 4 Authority shall cooperate with the Commission and with each
- 5 entity exercising independent regulatory authority over the
- 6 Practice of Cosmetology according to the provisions of this
- 7 Compact.
- 8 C. Discipline shall be the sole responsibility of the State
- 9 in which Cosmetology Services are provided. Accordingly, each
- 10 Member State's State Licensing Authority shall be responsible
- 11 for receiving complaints about individuals practicing
- 12 Cosmetology in that State, and for communicating all relevant
- 13 Investigative Information about any such Adverse Action to the
- 14 other Member States through the Data System in addition to any
- 15 other methods the Commission may by Rule require.
- 16 SECTION 7. ADVERSE ACTIONS
- 17 A. A Licensee's Home State shall have exclusive power to
- 18 impose an Adverse Action against a Licensee's Multistate License
- 19 issued by the Home State.
- 20 B. A Home State may take Adverse Action on a Multistate
- 21 License based on the Investigative Information, Current
- 22 Significant Investigative Information, or Adverse Action of a
- 23 Remote State.
- 24 C. In addition to the powers conferred by State law, each
- 25 Remote State's State Licensing Authority shall have the power
- 26 to:
- 1. Take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Authorization to
- 28 Practice Cosmetology through the Multistate License in that
- 29 Member State, provided that:
- 30 a. Only the Licensee's Home State shall have the power to

- 1 take Adverse Action against the Multistate License issued by the
- 2 Home State; and
- 3 b. For the purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Home
- 4 State's State Licensing Authority shall give the same priority
- 5 and effect to reported conduct received from a Remote State as
- 6 it would if such conduct had occurred within the Home State. In
- 7 so doing, the Home State shall apply its own State laws to
- 8 determine the appropriate action.
- 9 2. Issue cease and desist orders or impose an Encumbrance on
- 10 a Licensee's Authorization to Practice within that Member State.
- 11 3. Complete any pending investigations of a Licensee who
- 12 changes their primary state of residence during the course of
- 13 such an investigation. The State Licensing Authority shall also
- 14 be empowered to report the results of such an investigation to
- 15 the Commission through the Data System as described herein.
- 16 4. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that
- 17 require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, as well as
- 18 the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a State
- 19 Licensing Authority in a Member State for the attendance and
- 20 testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from
- 21 another Member State shall be enforced in the latter State by
- 22 any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice
- 23 and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in
- 24 proceedings before it. The issuing State Licensing Authority
- 25 shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other
- 26 fees required by the service statutes of the State in which the
- 27 witnesses or evidence are located.
- 28 5. If otherwise permitted by State law, recover from the
- 29 affected Licensee the costs of investigations and disposition of
- 30 cases resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that

- 1 Licensee.
- 2 6. Take Adverse Action against the Licensee's Authorization
- 3 to Practice in that State based on the factual findings of
- 4 another Remote State.
- 5 D. A Licensee's Home State shall complete any pending
- 6 investigation(s) of a Cosmetologist who changes their primary
- 7 state of residence during the course of the investigation(s).
- 8 The Home State shall also have the authority to take appropriate
- 9 action(s) and shall promptly report the conclusions of the
- 10 investigations to the Data System.
- 11 E. If an Adverse Action is taken by the Home State against a
- 12 Licensee's Multistate License, the Licensee's Authorization to
- 13 Practice in all other Member States shall be deactivated until
- 14 all Encumbrances have been removed from the Home State license.
- 15 All Home State disciplinary orders that impose an Adverse Action
- 16 against a Licensee's Multistate License shall include a
- 17 statement that the Cosmetologist's Authorization to Practice is
- 18 deactivated in all Member States during the pendency of the
- 19 order.
- 20 F. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Member State's
- 21 authority to accept a Licensee's participation in an Alternative
- 22 Program in lieu of Adverse Action. A Licensee's Multistate
- 23 License shall be suspended for the duration of the Licensee's
- 24 participation in any Alternative Program.
- 25 G. Joint Investigations
- 1. In addition to the authority granted to a Member State by
- 27 its respective scope of practice laws or other applicable State
- 28 law, a Member State may participate with other Member States in
- 29 joint investigations of Licensees.
- 30 2. Member States shall share any investigative, litigation,

- 1 or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or
- 2 individual investigation initiated under this Compact.
- 3 SECTION 8. ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES
- 4 Active Military Members, or their spouses, shall designate a
- 5 Home State where the individual has a current license to
- 6 practice Cosmetology in good standing. The individual may retain
- 7 their Home State designation during any period of service when
- 8 that individual or their spouse is on active duty assignment.
- 9 SECTION 9. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE COSMETOLOGY
- 10 LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION
- 11 A. The Member States hereby create and establish a joint
- 12 government agency whose membership consists of all Member States
- 13 that have enacted this Compact known as the Cosmetology
- 14 Licensure Compact Commission. The Commission is an
- 15 instrumentality of the Member States acting jointly and not an
- 16 instrumentality of any one State. The Commission shall come into
- 17 existence on or after the effective date of this Compact as set
- 18 forth in Article 13.
- 19 B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings
- 20 1. Each Member State shall have and be limited to one (1)
- 21 delegate selected by that Member State's State Licensing
- 22 Authority.
- 23 2. The delegate shall be an administrator of the State
- 24 Licensing Authority of the Member State or their designee.
- 3. The Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a term of
- 26 office for delegates and may by Rule or bylaw establish term
- 27 limits.
- 4. The Commission may recommend removal or suspension of any
- 29 delegate from office.
- 30 5. A Member State's State Licensing Authority shall fill any

- 1 vacancy of its delegate occurring on the Commission within 60
- 2 days of the vacancy.
- 3 6. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters
- 4 that are voted on by the Commission.
- 5 7. The Commission shall meet at least once during each
- 6 calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in
- 7 the bylaws. The Commission may meet by telecommunication, video
- 8 conference or other similar electronic means.
- 9 C. The Commission shall have the following powers:
- 10 1. Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;
- 11 2. Establish code of conduct and conflict of interest
- 12 policies;
- 3. Adopt Rules and bylaws;
- 14 4. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the
- 15 bylaws;
- 16 5. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the
- 17 provisions of this Compact, the Commission's Rules, and the
- 18 bylaws;
- 19 6. Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the
- 20 name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any State
- 21 Licensing Authority to sue or be sued under applicable law shall
- 22 not be affected;
- 23 7. Maintain and certify records and information provided to a
- 24 Member State as the authenticated business records of the
- 25 Commission, and designate an agent to do so on the Commission's
- 26 behalf;
- 8. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;
- 9. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel,
- 29 including, but not limited to, employees of a Member State;
- 30 10. Conduct an annual financial review;

- 1 11. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix
- 2 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate
- 3 authority to carry out the purposes of this Compact, and
- 4 establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs
- 5 relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel,
- 6 and other related personnel matters;
- 7 12. As set forth in the Commission Rules, charge a fee to a
- 8 Licensee for the grant of a Multistate License and thereafter,
- 9 as may be established by Commission Rule, charge the Licensee a
- 10 Multistate License renewal fee for each renewal period. Nothing
- 11 herein shall be construed to prevent a Home State from charging
- 12 a Licensee a fee for a Multistate License or renewals of a
- 13 Multistate License, or a fee for the jurisprudence requirement
- 14 if the Member State imposes such a requirement for the grant of
- 15 a Multistate License;
- 16 13. Assess and collect fees;
- 17 14. Accept any and all appropriate gifts, donations, grants
- 18 of money, other sources of revenue, equipment, supplies,
- 19 materials, and services, and receive, utilize, and dispose of
- 20 the same; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid
- 21 any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;
- 22 15. Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, or use any
- 23 property, real, personal, or mixed, or any undivided interest
- 24 therein;
- 25 16. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon,
- 26 or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;
- 27 17. Establish a budget and make expenditures;
- 28 18. Borrow money;
- 29 19. Appoint committees, including standing committees,
- 30 composed of members, State regulators, State legislators or

- 1 their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such
- 2 other interested persons as may be designated in this Compact
- 3 and the bylaws;
- 4 20. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with,
- 5 law enforcement agencies;
- 6 21. Elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and
- 7 such other officers of the Commission as provided in the
- 8 Commission's bylaws;
- 9 22. Establish and elect an Executive Committee, including a
- 10 chair and a vice chair;
- 11 23. Adopt and provide to the Member States an annual report;
- 12 24. Determine whether a State's adopted language is
- 13 materially different from the model Compact language such that
- 14 the State would not qualify for participation in this Compact;
- 15 and
- 16 25. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or
- 17 appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact.
- 18 D. The Executive Committee
- 19 1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on
- 20 behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this Compact.
- 21 The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Executive
- 22 Committee shall include:
- 23 a. Overseeing the day-to-day activities of the administration
- 24 of this Compact including compliance with the provisions of this
- 25 Compact, the Commission's Rules and bylaws, and other such
- 26 duties as deemed necessary;
- 27 b. Recommending to the Commission changes to the Rules or
- 28 bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees charged to
- 29 Compact Member States, fees charged to Licensees, and other
- 30 fees;

- 1 c. Ensuring Compact administration services are appropriately
- 2 provided, including by contract;
- 3 d. Preparing and recommending the budget;
- 4 e. Maintaining financial records on behalf of the Commission;
- f. Monitoring Compact compliance of Member States and
- 6 providing compliance reports to the Commission;
- 7 g. Establishing additional committees as necessary;
- 8 h. Exercising the powers and duties of the Commission during
- 9 the interim between Commission meetings, except for adopting or
- 10 amending Rules, adopting or amending bylaws, and exercising any
- 11 other powers and duties expressly reserved to the Commission by
- 12 Rule or bylaw; and
- i. Other duties as provided in the Rules or bylaws of the
- 14 Commission.
- 15 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of up to seven
- 16 voting members:
- 17 a. The chair and vice chair of the Commission and any other
- 18 members of the Commission who serve on the Executive Committee
- 19 shall be voting members of the Executive Committee; and
- 20 b. Other than the chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer,
- 21 the Commission shall elect three voting members from the current
- 22 membership of the Commission.
- 23 c. The Commission may elect ex-officio, nonvoting members
- 24 from a recognized national Cosmetology professional association
- 25 as approved by the Commission. The Commission's bylaws shall
- 26 identify qualifying organizations and the manner of appointment
- 27 if the number of organizations seeking to appoint an ex officio
- 28 member exceeds the number of members specified in this Article.
- 29 3. The Commission may remove any member of the Executive
- 30 Committee as provided in the Commission's bylaws.

- 1 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually.
- 2 a. Annual Executive Committee meetings, as well as any
- 3 Executive Committee meeting at which it does not take or intend
- 4 to take formal action on a matter for which a Commission vote
- 5 would otherwise be required, shall be open to the public, except
- 6 that the Executive Committee may meet in a closed, non-public
- 7 session of a public meeting when dealing with any of the matters
- 8 covered under Article 9.F.4.
- 9 b. The Executive Committee shall give five business days
- 10 advance notice of its public meetings, posted on its website and
- 11 as determined to provide notice to persons with an interest in
- 12 the public matters the Executive Committee intends to address at
- 13 those meetings.
- 14 5. The Executive Committee may hold an emergency meeting when
- 15 acting for the Commission to:
- 16 a. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
- 17 welfare;
- 18 b. Prevent a loss of Commission or Member State funds; or
- 19 c. Protect public health and safety.
- 20 E. The Commission shall adopt and provide to the Member
- 21 States an annual report.
- F. Meetings of the Commission
- 1. All meetings of the Commission that are not closed
- 24 pursuant to Article 9.F.4 shall be open to the public. Notice of
- 25 public meetings shall be posted on the Commission's website at
- 26 least thirty (30) days prior to the public meeting.
- 2. Notwithstanding Article 9.F.1, the Commission may convene
- 28 an emergency public meeting by providing at least twenty-four
- 29 (24) hours prior notice on the Commission's website, and any
- 30 other means as provided in the Commission's Rules, for any of

- 1 the reasons it may dispense with notice of proposed rulemaking
- 2 under Article 11.L. The Commission's legal counsel shall certify
- 3 that one of the reasons justifying an emergency public meeting
- 4 has been met.
- 5 3. Notice of all Commission meetings shall provide the time,
- 6 date, and location of the meeting, and if the meeting is to be
- 7 held or accessible via telecommunication, video conference, or
- 8 other electronic means, the notice shall include the mechanism
- 9 for access to the meeting.
- 10 4. The Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting
- 11 for the Commission to discuss:
- 12 a. Non-compliance of a Member State with its obligations
- 13 under this Compact;
- 14 b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters,
- 15 practices or procedures related to specific employees or other
- 16 matters related to the Commission's internal personnel practices
- 17 and procedures;
- 18 c. Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by the
- 19 Commission or by a Member State's Licensing Authority;
- d. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;
- 21 e. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale
- 22 of goods, services, or real estate;
- f. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any
- 24 person;
- 25 q. Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that
- 26 is privileged or confidential;
- 27 h. Information of a personal nature where disclosure would
- 28 constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- i. Investigative records compiled for law enforcement
- 30 purposes;

- j. Information related to any investigative reports prepared
- 2 by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or other
- 3 committee charged with responsibility of investigation or
- 4 determination of compliance issues pursuant to this Compact;
- 5 k. Legal advice;
- 6 l. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure to the
- 7 public by federal or Member State law; or
- 8 m. Other matters as promulgated by the Commission by Rule.
- 9 5. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the
- 10 presiding officer shall state that the meeting will be closed
- 11 and reference each relevant exempting provision, and such
- 12 reference shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 13 6. The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly
- 14 describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a
- 15 full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons
- 16 therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All
- 17 documents considered in connection with an action shall be
- 18 identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a
- 19 closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release only
- 20 by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of
- 21 competent jurisdiction.
- 22 G. Financing of the Commission
- 1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of,
- 24 the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization, and
- 25 ongoing activities.
- 26 2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate sources
- 27 of revenue, donations, and grants of money, equipment, supplies,
- 28 materials, and services.
- 29 3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual
- 30 assessment from each Member State and impose fees on Licensees

- 1 of Member States to whom it grants a Multistate License to cover
- 2 the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and
- 3 its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover
- 4 its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not
- 5 provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment
- 6 amount for Member States shall be allocated based upon a formula
- 7 that the Commission shall promulgate by Rule.
- 8 4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind
- 9 prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall
- 10 the Commission pledge the credit of any Member States, except by
- 11 and with the authority of the Member State.
- 12 5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all
- 13 receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of
- 14 the Commission shall be subject to the financial review and
- 15 accounting procedures established under its bylaws. All receipts
- 16 and disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be
- 17 subject to an annual financial review by a certified or licensed
- 18 public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall
- 19 be included in and become part of the annual report of the
- 20 Commission.
- 21 H. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification
- 1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and
- 23 representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and
- 24 liability, both personally and in their official capacity, for
- 25 any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury
- 26 or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual
- 27 or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that the
- 28 person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for
- 29 believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
- 30 duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this

- 1 paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from
- 2 suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability
- 3 caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of
- 4 that person. The procurement of insurance of any type by the
- 5 Commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the immunity
- 6 granted hereunder.
- 7 2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive
- 8 director, employee, and representative of the Commission in any
- 9 civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any
- 10 actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within
- 11 the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities,
- 12 or as determined by the Commission that the person against whom
- 13 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred
- 14 within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or
- 15 responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be
- 16 construed to prohibit that person from retaining their own
- 17 counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the
- 18 actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from
- 19 that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.
- 20 3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any
- 21 member, officer, executive director, employee, and
- 22 representative of the Commission for the amount of any
- 23 settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out
- 24 of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred
- 25 within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or
- 26 responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for
- 27 believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
- 28 duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged
- 29 act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or
- 30 willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

- 1 4. Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the
- 2 liability of any Licensee for professional malpractice or
- 3 misconduct, which shall be governed solely by any other
- 4 applicable State laws.
- 5. Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or
- 6 otherwise abrogate a Member State's State action immunity or
- 7 State action affirmative defense with respect to antitrust
- 8 claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other State or
- 9 federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.
- 10 6. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver
- 11 of sovereign immunity by the Member States or by the Commission.
- 12 SECTION 10. DATA SYSTEM
- 13 A. The Commission shall provide for the development,
- 14 maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated
- 15 database and reporting system.
- 16 B. The Commission shall assign each applicant for a
- 17 Multistate License a unique identifier, as determined by the
- 18 Rules of the Commission.
- 19 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
- 20 contrary, a Member State shall submit a uniform data set to the
- 21 Data System on all individuals to whom this Compact is
- 22 applicable as required by the Rules of the Commission,
- 23 including:
- 24 1. Identifying information;
- 25 2. Licensure data;
- 3. Adverse Actions against a license and information related
- 27 thereto;
- 4. Non-confidential information related to Alternative
- 29 Program participation, the beginning and ending dates of such
- 30 participation, and other information related to such

- 1 participation;
- 2 5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s)
- 3 for such denial (excluding the reporting of any criminal history
- 4 record information where prohibited by law);
- 5 6. The existence of Investigative Information;
- 7. The existence of Current Significant Investigative
- 7 Information; and
- 8 8. Other information that may facilitate the administration
- 9 of this Compact or the protection of the public, as determined
- 10 by the Rules of the Commission.
- 11 D. The records and information provided to a Member State
- 12 pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System, when
- 13 certified by the Commission or an agent thereof, shall
- 14 constitute the authenticated business records of the Commission,
- 15 and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay exception in any
- 16 relevant judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative proceedings
- 17 in a Member State.
- 18 E. The existence of Current Significant Investigative
- 19 Information and the existence of Investigative Information
- 20 pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will only be
- 21 available to other Member States.
- 22 F. It is the responsibility of the Member States to monitor
- 23 the database to determine whether Adverse Action has been taken
- 24 against such a Licensee or License applicant. Adverse Action
- 25 information pertaining to a Licensee or License applicant in any
- 26 Member State will be available to any other Member State.
- G. Member States contributing information to the Data System
- 28 may designate information that may not be shared with the public
- 29 without the express permission of the contributing State.
- 30 H. Any information submitted to the Data System that is

- 1 subsequently expunded pursuant to federal law or the laws of the
- 2 Member State contributing the information shall be removed from
- 3 the Data System.
- 4 SECTION 11. RULEMAKING
- 5 A. The Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules in order
- 6 to effectively and efficiently implement and administer the
- 7 purposes and provisions of this Compact. A Rule shall be invalid
- 8 and have no force or effect only if a court of competent
- 9 jurisdiction holds that the Rule is invalid because the
- 10 Commission exercised its rulemaking authority in a manner that
- 11 is beyond the scope and purposes of this Compact, or the powers
- 12 granted hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of
- 13 review.
- 14 B. The Rules of the Commission shall have the force of law in
- 15 each Member State, provided however that where the Rules of the
- 16 Commission conflict with the laws of the Member State that
- 17 establish the Member State's scope of practice laws governing
- 18 the Practice of Cosmetology as held by a court of competent
- 19 jurisdiction, the Rules of the Commission shall be ineffective
- 20 in that State to the extent of the conflict.
- 21 C. The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers
- 22 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Article and the Rules
- 23 adopted thereunder. Rules shall become binding as of the date
- 24 specified by the Commission for each Rule.
- D. If a majority of the legislatures of the Member States
- 26 rejects a Rule or portion of a Rule, by enactment of a statute
- 27 or resolution in the same manner used to adopt this Compact
- 28 within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the Rule, then
- 29 such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any Member
- 30 State or to any State applying to participate in this Compact.

- 1 E. Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of
- 2 the Commission.
- F. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the Commission shall
- 4 hold a public hearing and allow persons to provide oral and
- 5 written comments, data, facts, opinions, and arguments.
- 6 G. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule by the Commission,
- 7 and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which
- 8 the Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Rule,
- 9 the Commission shall provide a notice of proposed rulemaking:
- 1. On the website of the Commission or other publicly
- 11 accessible platform;
- 12 2. To persons who have requested notice of the Commission's
- 13 notices of proposed rulemaking; and
- 3. In such other way(s) as the Commission may by Rule
- 15 specify.
- 16 H. The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:
- 17 1. The time, date, and location of the public hearing at
- 18 which the Commission will hear public comments on the proposed
- 19 Rule and, if different, the time, date, and location of the
- 20 meeting where the Commission will consider and vote on the
- 21 proposed Rule;
- 22 2. If the hearing is held via telecommunication, video
- 23 conference, or other electronic means, the Commission shall
- 24 include the mechanism for access to the hearing in the notice of
- 25 proposed rulemaking;
- 26 3. The text of the proposed Rule and the reason therefor;
- 4. A request for comments on the proposed Rule from any
- 28 interested person; and
- 29 5. The manner in which interested persons may submit written
- 30 comments.

- 1 I. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording and
- 2 all written comments and documents received by the Commission in
- 3 response to the proposed Rule shall be available to the public.
- 4 J. Nothing in this Article shall be construed as requiring a
- 5 separate hearing on each Rule. Rules may be grouped for the
- 6 convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this
- 7 Article.
- 8 K. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members,
- 9 take final action on the proposed Rule based on the rulemaking
- 10 record and the full text of the Rule.
- 11 1. The Commission may adopt changes to the proposed Rule
- 12 provided the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the
- 13 proposed Rule.
- 14 2. The Commission shall provide an explanation of the reasons
- 15 for substantive changes made to the proposed Rule as well as
- 16 reasons for substantive changes not made that were recommended
- 17 by commenters.
- 18 3. The Commission shall determine a reasonable effective date
- 19 for the Rule. Except for an emergency as provided in Article
- 20 11.L, the effective date of the Rule shall be no sooner than
- 21 forty-five (45) days after the Commission issuing the notice
- 22 that it adopted or amended the Rule.
- 23 L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the
- 24 Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule with five
- 25 (5) days' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the
- 26 usual rulemaking procedures provided in this Compact and in this
- 27 Article shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as
- 28 reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days
- 29 after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of this
- 30 provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted

- 1 immediately to:
- 2 1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
- 3 welfare;
- 4 2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Member State funds;
- 5 3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of a Rule that is
- 6 established by federal law or rule; or
- 7 4. Protect public health and safety.
- 8 M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the
- 9 Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted Rule for
- 10 purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format,
- 11 errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of
- 12 any revisions shall be posted on the website of the Commission.
- 13 The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a
- 14 period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be
- 15 challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a
- 16 material change to a Rule. A challenge shall be made in writing
- 17 and delivered to the Commission prior to the end of the notice
- 18 period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect
- 19 without further action. If the revision is challenged, the
- 20 revision may not take effect without the approval of the
- 21 Commission.
- N. No Member State's rulemaking requirements shall apply
- 23 under this Compact.
- 24 SECTION 12. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT
- 25 A. Oversight
- 1. The executive and judicial branches of State government in
- 27 each Member State shall enforce this Compact and take all
- 28 actions necessary and appropriate to implement this Compact.
- 29 2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the
- 30 Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of

- 1 competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the
- 2 Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and
- 3 jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to
- 4 participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.
- 5 Nothing herein shall affect or limit the selection or propriety
- 6 of venue in any action against a Licensee for professional
- 7 malpractice, misconduct or any such similar matter.
- 8 3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of
- 9 process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or
- 10 interpretation of this Compact and shall have standing to
- 11 intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to
- 12 provide the Commission service of process shall render a
- 13 judgment or order void as to the Commission, this Compact, or
- 14 promulgated Rules.
- B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination
- 16 1. If the Commission determines that a Member State has
- 17 defaulted in the performance of its obligations or
- 18 responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated Rules,
- 19 the Commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting
- 20 State. The notice of default shall describe the default, the
- 21 proposed means of curing the default, and any other action that
- 22 the Commission may take, and shall offer training and specific
- 23 technical assistance regarding the default.
- 24 2. The Commission shall provide a copy of the notice of
- 25 default to the other Member States.
- 26 3. If a State in default fails to cure the default, the
- 27 defaulting State may be terminated from this Compact upon an
- 28 affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates of the Member
- 29 States, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred on
- 30 that State by this Compact may be terminated on the effective

- 1 date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the
- 2 offending State of obligations or liabilities incurred during
- 3 the period of default.
- 4. Termination of membership in this Compact shall be imposed
- 5 only after all other means of securing compliance have been
- 6 exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be
- 7 given by the Commission to the governor, the majority and
- 8 minority leaders of the defaulting State's legislature, the
- 9 defaulting State's State Licensing Authority and each of the
- 10 Member States' State Licensing Authority.
- 11 5. A State that has been terminated is responsible for all
- 12 assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the
- 13 effective date of termination, including obligations that extend
- 14 beyond the effective date of termination.
- 15 6. Upon the termination of a State's membership from this
- 16 Compact, that State shall immediately provide notice to all
- 17 Licensees who hold a Multistate License within that State of
- 18 such termination. The terminated State shall continue to
- 19 recognize all licenses granted pursuant to this Compact for a
- 20 minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of said
- 21 notice of termination.
- 7. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a State
- 23 that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from
- 24 this Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the
- 25 Commission and the defaulting State.
- 26 8. The defaulting State may appeal the action of the
- 27 Commission by petitioning the United States District Court for
- 28 the District of Columbia or the federal district where the
- 29 Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall
- 30 be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable

- 1 attorney's fees.
- 2 C. Dispute Resolution
- 3 1. Upon request by a Member State, the Commission shall
- 4 attempt to resolve disputes related to this Compact that arise
- 5 among Member States and between Member and non-Member States.
- 6 2. The Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing for both
- 7 mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as
- 8 appropriate.
- 9 D. Enforcement
- 10 1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its
- 11 discretion, shall enforce the provisions of this Compact and the
- 12 Commission's Rules.
- 2. By majority vote as provided by Commission Rule, the
- 14 Commission may initiate legal action against a Member State in
- 15 default in the United States District Court for the District of
- 16 Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its
- 17 principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of
- 18 this Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may
- 19 include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event
- 20 judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be
- 21 awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable
- 22 attorney's fees. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive
- 23 remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other
- 24 remedies available under federal or the defaulting Member
- 25 State's law.
- 26 3. A Member State may initiate legal action against the
- 27 Commission in the United States District Court for the District
- 28 of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its
- 29 principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of
- 30 this Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may

- 1 include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event
- 2 judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be
- 3 awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable
- 4 attorney's fees.
- 5 4. No individual or entity other than a Member State may
- 6 enforce this Compact against the Commission.
- 7 SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT
- 8 A. This Compact shall come into effect on the date on which
- 9 this Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member
- 10 State.
- 11 1. On or after the effective date of this Compact, the
- 12 Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the
- 13 Charter Member States to determine if the statute enacted by
- 14 each such Charter Member State is materially different than the
- 15 model Compact statute.
- 16 a. A Charter Member State whose enactment is found to be
- 17 materially different from the model Compact statute shall be
- 18 entitled to the default process set forth in Article 12.
- 19 b. If any Member State is later found to be in default, or is
- 20 terminated or withdraws from this Compact, the Commission shall
- 21 remain in existence and this Compact shall remain in effect even
- 22 if the number of Member States should be less than seven (7).
- 23 2. Member States enacting this Compact subsequent to the
- 24 Charter Member States shall be subject to the process set forth
- 25 in Article 9.C.24 to determine if their enactments are
- 26 materially different from the model Compact statute and whether
- 27 they qualify for participation in this Compact.
- 28 3. All actions taken for the benefit of the Commission or in
- 29 furtherance of the purposes of the administration of this
- 30 Compact prior to the effective date of this Compact or the

- 1 Commission coming into existence shall be considered to be
- 2 actions of the Commission unless specifically repudiated by the
- 3 Commission.
- 4. Any State that joins this Compact shall be subject to the
- 5 Commission's Rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which
- 6 this Compact becomes law in that State. Any Rule that has been
- 7 previously adopted by the Commission shall have the full force
- 8 and effect of law on the day this Compact becomes law in that
- 9 State.
- 10 B. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by
- 11 enacting a statute repealing that State's enactment of this
- 12 Compact.
- 13 1. A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect until
- 14 one hundred eighty (180) days after enactment of the repealing
- 15 statute.
- 2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of
- 17 the withdrawing State's State Licensing Authority to comply with
- 18 the investigative and Adverse Action reporting requirements of
- 19 this Compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.
- 3. Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this
- 21 Compact, a State shall immediately provide notice of such
- 22 withdrawal to all Licensees within that State. Notwithstanding
- 23 any subsequent statutory enactment to the contrary, such
- 24 withdrawing State shall continue to recognize all licenses
- 25 granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of one hundred
- 26 eighty (180) days after the date of such notice of withdrawal.
- 27 C. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to
- 28 invalidate or prevent any licensure agreement or other
- 29 cooperative arrangement between a Member State and a non-Member
- 30 State that does not conflict with the provisions of this

- 1 Compact.
- 2 D. This Compact may be amended by the Member States. No
- 3 amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding
- 4 upon any Member State until it is enacted into the laws of all
- 5 Member States.
- 6 SECTION 14. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY
- 7 A. This Compact and the Commission's rulemaking authority
- 8 shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes,
- 9 and the implementation and administration of this Compact.
- 10 Provisions of this Compact expressly authorizing or requiring
- 11 the promulgation of Rules shall not be construed to limit the
- 12 Commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.
- 13 B. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable and if
- 14 any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact is
- 15 held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the
- 16 constitution of any Member State, a State seeking participation
- 17 in this Compact, or of the United States, or the applicability
- 18 thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is
- 19 held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent
- 20 jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Compact and
- 21 the applicability thereof to any other government, agency,
- 22 person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.
- C. Notwithstanding Article 14.B, the Commission may deny a
- 24 State's participation in this Compact or, in accordance with the
- 25 requirements of Article 12, terminate a Member State's
- 26 participation in this Compact, if it determines that a
- 27 constitutional requirement of a Member State is a material
- 28 departure from this Compact. Otherwise, if this Compact shall be
- 29 held to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State,
- 30 this Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the

- 1 remaining Member States and in full force and effect as to the
- 2 Member State affected as to all severable matters.
- 3 SECTION 15. CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS
- 4 A. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of
- 5 any other law of a Member State that is not inconsistent with
- 6 this Compact.
- 7 B. Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal
- 8 requirements in a Member State in conflict with this Compact are
- 9 superseded to the extent of the conflict.
- 10 C. All permissible agreements between the Commission and the
- 11 Member States are binding in accordance with their terms.
- 12 Section 3. Operation.
- 13 (a) When compact effective. -- When the Governor executes the
- 14 compact on behalf of the Commonwealth and files a verified copy
- 15 thereof with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and when the
- 16 compact is ratified by one or more other states, the compact
- 17 shall become effective between the Commonwealth and such other
- 18 state or states. The Governor is hereby authorized and directed
- 19 to take such action as may be necessary to complete the exchange
- 20 of official documents between the Commonwealth and any other
- 21 state ratifying the compact.
- 22 (b) Notice in Pennsylvania Bulletin. -- The Secretary of the
- 23 Commonwealth shall transmit a notice to the Legislative
- 24 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of
- 25 the Pennsylvania Bulletin when the conditions specified in
- 26 subsection (a) are satisfied and shall include in the notice the
- 27 date on which the compact became effective between the
- 28 Commonwealth and any other state or states in accordance with
- 29 this act.
- 30 Section 4. Compensation and expenses of compact administrator.

- 1 The compact administrator who represents the Commonwealth, as
- 2 provided for in the compact, shall not be entitled to any
- 3 additional compensation for the duties and responsibilities as
- 4 compact administrator but shall be entitled to reimbursement for
- 5 reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the
- 6 duties and responsibilities as compact administrator in the same
- 7 manner as for expenses incurred in connection with other duties
- 8 and responsibilities of the office or employment.
- 9 Section 5. Effective date.
- 10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.