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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact**

3 FOR the purpose of entering into the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate
4 Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a certain license issued
5 by a home state be recognized by each member state as authorizing certain practice
6 of audiology or speech–language pathology; requiring a state to meet certain
7 requirements to participate in the Compact; prohibiting certain communication from
8 including certain information; requiring a certain licensing board to take certain
9 action on application for a privilege to practice; requiring each member state to
10 require an applicant to obtain or retain a certain license and meet certain
11 qualifications; requiring certain audiologists and speech–language pathologists to
12 meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise a certain privilege; requiring an
13 audiologist or a speech–language pathologist practicing in a member state to comply
14 with certain laws; requiring that certain individuals be able to continue to apply for
15 a certain license; authorizing member states to charge a certain fee; requiring
16 member states to comply with certain bylaws, rules, and regulations; requiring
17 certain audiologists and speech–language pathologists to apply for certain licensure;
18 establishing the circumstances under which a license may not be issued or is
19 required to be converted to a certain license; establishing the period during which a
20 Compact privilege is valid; requiring certain licensees to function within certain laws
21 and regulations; providing that certain licensees are subject to certain regulatory
22 authority; requiring a licensee to lose the Compact privilege during a certain period
23 under certain circumstances; requiring member states to recognize the right of an
24 audiologist or a speech–language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain
25 circumstances; requiring certain active duty military personnel or their spouses to
26 designate a certain state as a home state and authorizing the change of a certain
27 designation in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements and certain
28 authority of remote states and home states with regard to adverse actions;
29 establishing the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Compact Commission;
30 establishing the membership, powers, and duties of the Commission; establishing an
31 Executive Committee with authority to act on behalf of the Commission under

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 certain circumstances; establishing the membership, powers, and duties of the
 2 Executive Committee; providing for certain financing, accounting, and auditing of
 3 the Commission; providing, under certain circumstances, for certain immunity,
 4 defense, and indemnity for certain individuals representing the Commission;
 5 requiring the Commission to provide for the development, maintenance, and
 6 utilization of a certain database and reporting system; requiring a member state to
 7 submit certain data to a certain data system; establishing requirements for the
 8 availability, notification, and removal of certain information from a certain data
 9 system under certain circumstances; establishing the rulemaking powers and
 10 procedures of the Commission; establishing procedures for oversight, dispute
 11 resolution, and enforcement of the Compact by the Commission; providing for the
 12 application of the Compact; establishing that certain states that join the Compact
 13 are subject to certain rules; establishing certain procedures for a member state to
 14 withdraw from the Compact; authorizing member states to amend the Compact
 15 under certain circumstances; providing for the construction and severability of this
 16 Act; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the Maryland
 17 Department of Health to track certain legislation and notify the Department of
 18 Legislative Services of a certain occurrence within a certain period of time; defining
 19 certain terms; and generally relating to the Audiology and Speech–Language
 20 Pathology Interstate Compact.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Health Occupations

23 Section 2–3A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Audiology and
 24 Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact”

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 28 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

29 **Article – Health Occupations**

30 **SUBTITLE 3A. AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE**
 31 **COMPACT.**

32 **2–3A–01.**

33 **THE AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE**
 34 **COMPACT IS ENACTED INTO LAW AND ENTERED INTO WITH ALL OTHER STATES**
 35 **LEGALLY JOINING IN IT IN THE FORM SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN THIS**
 36 **SECTION AS FOLLOWS:**

37 **SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

38 **THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT IS TO FACILITATE INTERSTATE PRACTICE**

1 OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY WITH THE GOAL OF
2 IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
3 SERVICES. THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
4 OCCURS IN THE STATE WHERE THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME OF THE
5 PATIENT ENCOUNTER. THE COMPACT PRESERVES THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
6 OF STATES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY THROUGH THE CURRENT
7 SYSTEM OF STATE LICENSURE. THIS COMPACT IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE
8 FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

9 (1) INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUDIOLOGY AND
10 SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES BY PROVIDING FOR THE MUTUAL
11 RECOGNITION OF OTHER MEMBER STATE LICENSES;

12 (2) ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF STATES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC’S
13 HEALTH AND SAFETY;

14 (3) ENCOURAGE THE COOPERATION OF MEMBER STATES IN
15 REGULATING MULTISTATE AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
16 PRACTICE;

17 (4) SUPPORT SPOUSES OF RELOCATING ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
18 PERSONNEL;

19 (5) ENHANCE THE EXCHANGE OF LICENSURE, INVESTIGATIVE, AND
20 DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES;

21 (6) ALLOW A REMOTE STATE TO HOLD A PROVIDER OF SERVICES
22 WITH A COMPACT PRIVILEGE IN THAT STATE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PRACTICE
23 STANDARDS OF THAT STATE; AND

24 (7) ALLOW FOR THE USE OF TELEHEALTH TECHNOLOGY TO
25 FACILITATE INCREASED ACCESS TO AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE
26 PATHOLOGY SERVICES.

27 SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

28 AS USED IN THIS COMPACT, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THE
29 FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS SHALL APPLY:

30 (A) “ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY” MEANS FULL–TIME DUTY STATUS IN THE
31 ACTIVE UNIFORMED SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF
32 THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE ON ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS IN ACCORDANCE
33 WITH 10 U.S.C. §§ 1209 AND 1211.

1 **(B) “ADVERSE ACTION” MEANS ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, EQUITABLE,**
2 **OR CRIMINAL ACTION AUTHORIZED BY A STATE’S LAWS THAT IS IMPOSED BY A**
3 **LICENSING BOARD OR OTHER AUTHORITY AGAINST AN AUDIOLOGIST OR**
4 **A SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, INCLUDING ACTIONS AGAINST AN**
5 **INDIVIDUAL’S LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE SUCH AS REVOCATION,**
6 **SUSPENSION, PROBATION, MONITORING OF THE LICENSEE, OR RESTRICTION ON**
7 **THE LICENSEE’S PRACTICE.**

8 **(C) “ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM” MEANS A NONDISCIPLINARY MONITORING**
9 **PROCESS APPROVED BY AN AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**
10 **LICENSING BOARD TO ADDRESS IMPAIRED PRACTITIONERS.**

11 **(D) “AUDIOLOGIST” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED BY A STATE**
12 **TO PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY.**

13 **(E) “AUDIOLOGY” MEANS THE CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY A**
14 **LICENSED AUDIOLOGIST AS SET FORTH IN THE MEMBER STATE’S STATUTES AND**
15 **RULES.**

16 **(F) “AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY COMPACT**
17 **COMMISSION” OR “COMMISSION” MEANS THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BODY**
18 **ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 8 WHOSE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF ALL STATES**
19 **THAT HAVE ENACTED THE COMPACT.**

20 **(G) “AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSING BOARD”,**
21 **“AUDIOLOGY LICENSING BOARD”, “SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSING**
22 **BOARD”, OR “LICENSING BOARD” MEANS THE AGENCY OF A STATE THAT IS**
23 **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF AUDIOLOGISTS OR**
24 **SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS.**

25 **(H) “COMPACT PRIVILEGE” MEANS THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED BY A**
26 **REMOTE STATE TO ALLOW A LICENSEE FROM ANOTHER MEMBER STATE TO**
27 **PRACTICE AS AN AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IN THE**
28 **REMOTE STATE UNDER ITS LAWS AND RULES. THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY OR**
29 **SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OCCURS IN THE MEMBER STATE WHERE THE**
30 **PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME OF THE PATIENT ENCOUNTER.**

31 **(I) “CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION” MEANS**
32 **INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION THAT A LICENSING BOARD, AFTER AN INQUIRY OR**
33 **INVESTIGATION THAT INCLUDES NOTIFICATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE**
34 **AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST TO RESPOND, IF REQUIRED BY**
35 **STATE LAW, HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS NOT GROUNDLESS AND, IF PROVED TRUE,**

1 WOULD INDICATE MORE THAN A MINOR INFRACTION.

2 (J) "DATA SYSTEM" MEANS A REPOSITORY OF INFORMATION ABOUT
3 LICENSEES ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 9, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
4 CONTINUING EDUCATION, EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, INVESTIGATIVE, COMPACT
5 PRIVILEGE, AND ADVERSE ACTION.

6 (K) "ENCUMBERED LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE IN WHICH AN ADVERSE
7 ACTION RESTRICTS THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE
8 PATHOLOGY BY THE LICENSEE AND SAID ADVERSE ACTION HAS BEEN REPORTED TO
9 THE NATIONAL PRACTITIONERS DATA BANK.

10 (L) "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS A GROUP OF DIRECTORS ELECTED
11 OR APPOINTED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF, AND WITHIN THE POWERS GRANTED TO THEM
12 BY, THE COMMISSION.

13 (M) "HOME STATE" MEANS THE MEMBER STATE THAT IS THE LICENSEE'S
14 PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE.

15 (N) "IMPAIRED PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE
16 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
17 ADDICTION, OR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED CONDITIONS.

18 (O) "LICENSEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CURRENTLY HOLDS AN
19 AUTHORIZATION FROM A STATE LICENSING BOARD TO PRACTICE AS AN
20 AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

21 (P) "MEMBER STATE" MEANS A STATE THAT HAS ENACTED THE COMPACT.

22 (Q) "PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE" MEANS A LEGAL AUTHORIZATION
23 AUTHORIZING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
24 IN A REMOTE STATE.

25 (R) "REMOTE STATE" MEANS A MEMBER STATE OTHER THAN THE HOME
26 STATE WHERE A LICENSEE IS EXERCISING OR SEEKING TO EXERCISE THE COMPACT
27 PRIVILEGE.

28 (S) "RULE" MEANS A REGULATION, PRINCIPLE, OR DIRECTIVE ADOPTED BY
29 THE COMMISSION THAT HAS THE FORCE OF LAW.

30 (T) "SINGLE-STATE LICENSE" MEANS AN AUDIOLOGY OR
31 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSE ISSUED BY A MEMBER STATE THAT
32 AUTHORIZES PRACTICE ONLY WITHIN THE ISSUING STATE AND DOES NOT INCLUDE

1 A PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE IN ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE.

2 (U) "SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
3 LICENSED BY A STATE TO PRACTICE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.

4 (V) "SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY" MEANS THE CARE AND SERVICES
5 PROVIDED BY A LICENSED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AS SET FORTH IN THE
6 MEMBER STATE'S STATUTES AND RULES.

7 (W) "STATE" MEANS ANY STATE, COMMONWEALTH, DISTRICT, OR
8 TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT REGULATES THE PRACTICE
9 OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.

10 (X) "STATE PRACTICE LAWS" MEANS THE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS
11 OF A MEMBER STATE THAT GOVERN THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY OR
12 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, DEFINE THE SCOPE OF AUDIOLOGY OR
13 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PRACTICE, AND CREATE THE METHODS AND
14 GROUNDS FOR IMPOSING DISCIPLINE.

15 (Y) "TELEHEALTH" MEANS THE APPLICATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION
16 TECHNOLOGY TO DELIVER AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
17 SERVICES AT A DISTANCE FOR ASSESSMENT, INTERVENTION, OR CONSULTATION.

18 SECTION 3. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

19 (A) A LICENSE ISSUED TO AN AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
20 PATHOLOGIST BY A HOME STATE TO A RESIDENT IN THAT STATE SHALL BE
21 RECOGNIZED BY EACH MEMBER STATE AS AUTHORIZING AN AUDIOLOGIST OR
22 A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST TO PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY OR
23 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, UNDER A PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE, IN EACH
24 MEMBER STATE.

25 (B) (1) A STATE MUST IMPLEMENT OR USE PROCEDURES FOR
26 CONSIDERING THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS OF APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL
27 PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE. THESE PROCEDURES SHALL INCLUDE THE SUBMISSION
28 OF FINGERPRINTS OR OTHER BIOMETRIC-BASED INFORMATION BY APPLICANTS
29 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AN APPLICANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
30 INFORMATION FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE AGENCY
31 RESPONSIBLE FOR RETAINING THAT STATE'S CRIMINAL RECORDS.

32 (2) A MEMBER STATE MUST FULLY IMPLEMENT A CRIMINAL
33 BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT, WITHIN A TIME FRAME ESTABLISHED BY
34 RULE, BY RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 RECORD SEARCH ON CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND USE THE RESULTS IN
2 MAKING LICENSURE DECISIONS.

3 (3) COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A MEMBER STATE, THE COMMISSION,
4 AND AMONG MEMBER STATES REGARDING THE VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
5 LICENSURE THROUGH THE COMPACT MAY NOT INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION
6 RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RELATING TO A
7 FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK PERFORMED BY A MEMBER STATE UNDER
8 PUBLIC LAW 92-544.

9 (C) ON APPLICATION FOR A PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE, THE LICENSING
10 BOARD IN THE ISSUING REMOTE STATE SHALL ASCERTAIN, THROUGH THE DATA
11 SYSTEM, WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS EVER HELD, OR IS THE HOLDER OF, A
12 LICENSE ISSUED BY ANY OTHER STATE, WHETHER THERE ARE ANY ENCUMBRANCES
13 ON ANY LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE HELD BY THE APPLICANT, AND
14 WHETHER ANY ADVERSE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST ANY LICENSE OR
15 PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE HELD BY THE APPLICANT.

16 (D) EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO OBTAIN OR
17 RETAIN A LICENSE IN THE HOME STATE AND MEET THE HOME STATE'S
18 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OR RENEWAL OF LICENSURE, AS WELL AS ALL
19 OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAWS.

20 (E) AN AUDIOLOGIST MUST:

21 (1) MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

22 (I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2007, HAVE GRADUATED
23 WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE OR DOCTORATE IN AUDIOLOGY, OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE
24 REGARDLESS OF DEGREE NAME, FROM A PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN
25 ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
26 ACCREDITATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
27 EDUCATION AND OPERATED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED BY A
28 REGIONAL OR NATIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY A STATE
29 LICENSING BOARD;

30 (II) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008, HAVE GRADUATED WITH A
31 DOCTORAL DEGREE IN AUDIOLOGY, OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE, REGARDLESS OF
32 DEGREE NAME, FROM A PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING
33 AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION,
34 OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
35 OPERATED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL OR
36 NATIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY A STATE LICENSING

1 BOARD; OR

2 (III) HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN AUDIOLOGY PROGRAM THAT IS
3 HOUSED IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES:

4 1. FOR WHICH THE PROGRAM AND INSTITUTION HAVE
5 BEEN APPROVED BY THE AUTHORIZED ACCREDITING BODY IN THE APPLICABLE
6 COUNTRY; AND

7 2. WHOSE DEGREE PROGRAM HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY AN
8 INDEPENDENT CREDENTIALS REVIEW AGENCY TO BE COMPARABLE TO A STATE
9 LICENSING BOARD-APPROVED PROGRAM;

10 (2) HAVE COMPLETED A SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICUM
11 EXPERIENCE FROM AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR ITS
12 COOPERATING PROGRAMS AS REQUIRED BY A LICENSING BOARD;

13 (3) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED A NATIONAL EXAMINATION
14 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION;

15 (4) HOLD AN ACTIVE, UNENCUMBERED LICENSE;

16 (5) HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY OF, AND HAVE
17 NOT ENTERED INTO AN AGREED DISPOSITION REGARDING, A FELONY RELATED TO
18 THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY, UNDER APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL CRIMINAL
19 LAW; AND

20 (6) HAVE A VALID UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY OR NATIONAL
21 PRACTITIONER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

22 (F) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST MUST:

23 (1) MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

24 (I) HAVE GRADUATED WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM A
25 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN
26 ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
27 AND OPERATED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL OR
28 NATIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY A LICENSING BOARD; OR

29 (II) HAVE GRADUATED FROM A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
30 PATHOLOGY PROGRAM THAT IS HOUSED IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
31 OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES:

1 1. **FOR WHICH THE PROGRAM AND INSTITUTION HAVE**
2 **BEEN APPROVED BY THE AUTHORIZED ACCREDITING BODY IN THE APPLICABLE**
3 **COUNTRY; AND**

4 2. **WHOSE DEGREE PROGRAM HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY AN**
5 **INDEPENDENT CREDENTIALS REVIEW AGENCY TO BE COMPARABLE TO A STATE**
6 **LICENSING BOARD-APPROVED PROGRAM;**

7 (2) **HAVE COMPLETED A SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICUM**
8 **EXPERIENCE FROM AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR ITS COOPERATING**
9 **PROGRAMS AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION;**

10 (3) **HAVE COMPLETED A SUPERVISED POSTGRADUATE**
11 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION;**

12 (4) **HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED A NATIONAL EXAMINATION**
13 **APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION;**

14 (5) **HOLD AN ACTIVE, UNENCUMBERED LICENSE;**

15 (6) **HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY OF, AND HAVE**
16 **NOT ENTERED INTO AN AGREED DISPOSITION REGARDING, A FELONY RELATED TO**
17 **THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, UNDER APPLICABLE STATE OR**
18 **FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAW; AND**

19 (7) **HAVE A VALID UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY OR NATIONAL**
20 **PRACTITIONER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.**

21 (G) **THE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE IS DERIVED FROM THE HOME STATE**
22 **LICENSE.**

23 (H) **AN AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST PRACTICING**
24 **IN A MEMBER STATE MUST COMPLY WITH THE STATE PRACTICE LAWS OF THE STATE**
25 **IN WHICH THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME SERVICE IS PROVIDED. THE**
26 **PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SHALL INCLUDE**
27 **ALL AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PRACTICE AS DEFINED BY**
28 **THE STATE PRACTICE LAWS OF THE MEMBER STATE IN WHICH THE PATIENT IS**
29 **LOCATED. THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN**
30 **A MEMBER STATE UNDER A PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE SHALL SUBJECT AN**
31 **AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST TO THE JURISDICTION OF**
32 **THE LICENSING BOARD, THE COURTS, AND THE LAWS OF THE MEMBER STATE IN**
33 **WHICH THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME SERVICE IS PROVIDED.**

1 **(I) INDIVIDUALS NOT RESIDING IN A MEMBER STATE SHALL CONTINUE TO**
2 **BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR A MEMBER STATE'S SINGLE-STATE LICENSE AS PROVIDED**
3 **UNDER THE LAWS OF EACH MEMBER STATE. HOWEVER, THE SINGLE-STATE LICENSE**
4 **GRANTED TO THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS GRANTING THE**
5 **PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN ANY**
6 **OTHER MEMBER STATE. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL AFFECT THE**
7 **REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY A MEMBER STATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A**
8 **SINGLE-STATE LICENSE.**

9 **(J) MEMBER STATES MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR GRANTING A COMPACT**
10 **PRIVILEGE.**

11 **(K) MEMBER STATES MUST COMPLY WITH THE BYLAWS AND RULES AND**
12 **REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.**

13 **SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE**

14 **(A) TO EXERCISE THE COMPACT PRIVILEGE UNDER THE TERMS AND**
15 **PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, THE AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
16 **PATHOLOGIST SHALL:**

17 **(1) HOLD AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN THE HOME STATE;**

18 **(2) HAVE NO ENCUMBRANCE ON ANY STATE LICENSE;**

19 **(3) BE ELIGIBLE FOR A COMPACT PRIVILEGE IN ANY MEMBER STATE**
20 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3;**

21 **(4) HAVE NOT HAD ANY ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST ANY LICENSE OR**
22 **COMPACT PRIVILEGE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 2 YEARS FROM DATE OF APPLICATION;**

23 **(5) NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT THE LICENSEE IS SEEKING THE**
24 **COMPACT PRIVILEGE WITHIN A REMOTE STATE;**

25 **(6) PAY ANY APPLICABLE FEES, INCLUDING ANY STATE FEE, FOR THE**
26 **COMPACT PRIVILEGE; AND**

27 **(7) REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN BY ANY**
28 **NONMEMBER STATE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE ADVERSE ACTION IS**
29 **TAKEN.**

30 **(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT PRIVILEGE, AN AUDIOLOGIST OR**

1 A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST MAY HOLD ONLY ONE HOME STATE LICENSE AT
2 A TIME.

3 (C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6, IF AN AUDIOLOGIST OR
4 A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CHANGES PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE BY
5 MOVING BETWEEN TWO MEMBER STATES, THE AUDIOLOGIST OR
6 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST MUST APPLY FOR LICENSURE IN THE NEW HOME
7 STATE, AND THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE PRIOR HOME STATE SHALL BE
8 DEACTIVATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE RULES ADOPTED BY THE
9 COMMISSION.

10 (D) THE AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST MAY APPLY
11 FOR LICENSURE IN ADVANCE OF A CHANGE IN PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE.

12 (E) A LICENSE MAY NOT BE ISSUED BY THE NEW HOME STATE UNTIL THE
13 AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST PROVIDES SATISFACTORY
14 EVIDENCE OF A CHANGE IN PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE TO THE NEW HOME
15 STATE AND SATISFIES ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A LICENSE
16 FROM THE NEW HOME STATE.

17 (F) IF AN AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CHANGES
18 PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE BY MOVING FROM A MEMBER STATE TO A
19 NONMEMBER STATE, THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE PRIOR HOME STATE SHALL
20 CONVERT TO A SINGLE-STATE LICENSE, VALID ONLY IN THE FORMER HOME STATE.

21 (G) THE COMPACT PRIVILEGE IS VALID UNTIL THE EXPIRATION DATE OF
22 THE HOME STATE LICENSE. THE LICENSEE MUST COMPLY WITH THE
23 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO MAINTAIN THE COMPACT
24 PRIVILEGE IN THE REMOTE STATE.

25 (H) A LICENSEE PROVIDING AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE
26 PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN A REMOTE STATE UNDER THE COMPACT PRIVILEGE SHALL
27 FUNCTION WITHIN THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE REMOTE STATE.

28 (I) A LICENSEE PROVIDING AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE
29 PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN A REMOTE STATE IS SUBJECT TO THE REGULATORY
30 AUTHORITY OF THAT STATE. A REMOTE STATE MAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DUE
31 PROCESS AND THE LAWS OF THAT STATE, REMOVE A LICENSEE'S COMPACT
32 PRIVILEGE IN THE REMOTE STATE FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME, IMPOSE FINES,
33 OR TAKE ANY OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY
34 OF ITS CITIZENS.

35 (J) IF A HOME STATE LICENSE IS ENCUMBERED, THE LICENSEE SHALL LOSE

1 THE COMPACT PRIVILEGE IN ANY REMOTE STATE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

2 (1) THE HOME STATE LICENSE IS NO LONGER ENCUMBERED; AND

3 (2) 2 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE DATE OF THE ADVERSE
4 ACTION.

5 (K) ONCE AN ENCUMBERED LICENSE IN THE HOME STATE IS RESTORED TO
6 GOOD STANDING, THE LICENSEE MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION
7 (A) OF THIS SECTION TO OBTAIN A COMPACT PRIVILEGE IN ANY REMOTE STATE.

8 (L) ONCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION HAVE
9 BEEN MET, THE LICENSEE MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (A) OF
10 THIS SECTION TO OBTAIN A COMPACT PRIVILEGE IN A REMOTE STATE.

11 SECTION 5. COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE TELEHEALTH

12 MEMBER STATES SHALL RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF AN AUDIOLOGIST OR A
13 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, LICENSED BY A HOME STATE IN ACCORDANCE
14 WITH SECTION 3 AND UNDER RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION, TO
15 PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN ANY MEMBER STATE
16 VIA TELEHEALTH UNDER A PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE AS PROVIDED IN THE COMPACT
17 AND RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION.

18 SECTION 6. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR THEIR 19 SPOUSES

20 ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL, OR THEIR SPOUSES, SHALL DESIGNATE
21 A HOME STATE WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A CURRENT LICENSE IN GOOD
22 STANDING. THE INDIVIDUAL MAY RETAIN THE HOME STATE DESIGNATION DURING
23 THE PERIOD THE SERVICE MEMBER IS ON ACTIVE DUTY. SUBSEQUENT TO
24 DESIGNATING A HOME STATE, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY CHANGE THE HOME STATE OF
25 THE INDIVIDUAL ONLY THROUGH APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE IN THE NEW STATE.

26 SECTION 7. ADVERSE ACTIONS

27 (A) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER POWERS CONFERRED BY STATE LAW,
28 A REMOTE STATE SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING
29 STATE DUE PROCESS LAW, TO:

30 (I) TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST AN AUDIOLOGIST'S OR A
31 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE WITHIN THAT
32 MEMBER STATE; AND

1 **(II) ISSUE SUBPOENAS FOR BOTH HEARINGS AND**
2 **INVESTIGATIONS THAT REQUIRE THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES**
3 **AS WELL AS THE PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE.**

4 **(2) SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY A LICENSING BOARD IN A MEMBER STATE**
5 **FOR THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES OR THE PRODUCTION OF**
6 **EVIDENCE FROM ANOTHER MEMBER STATE SHALL BE ENFORCED IN THE LATTER**
7 **STATE BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, ACCORDING TO THE PRACTICE**
8 **AND PROCEDURE OF THAT COURT APPLICABLE TO SUBPOENAS ISSUED IN**
9 **PROCEEDINGS PENDING BEFORE IT. THE ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL PAY ANY**
10 **WITNESS FEES, TRAVEL EXPENSES, MILEAGE, AND OTHER FEES REQUIRED BY THE**
11 **SERVICE STATUTES OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE WITNESSES OR EVIDENCE ARE**
12 **LOCATED.**

13 **(3) ONLY THE HOME STATE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO TAKE**
14 **ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST AN AUDIOLOGIST'S OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
15 **PATHOLOGIST'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE HOME STATE.**

16 **(B) FOR PURPOSES OF TAKING ADVERSE ACTION, THE HOME STATE SHALL**
17 **GIVE THE SAME PRIORITY AND EFFECT TO REPORTED CONDUCT RECEIVED FROM A**
18 **MEMBER STATE AS IT WOULD IF THE CONDUCT HAD OCCURRED WITHIN THE HOME**
19 **STATE. IN SO DOING, THE HOME STATE SHALL APPLY ITS OWN STATE LAWS TO**
20 **DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACTION.**

21 **(C) THE HOME STATE SHALL COMPLETE ANY PENDING INVESTIGATIONS OF**
22 **AN AUDIOLOGIST OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO CHANGES PRIMARY**
23 **STATE OF RESIDENCE DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATIONS. THE HOME**
24 **STATE SHALL ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AND**
25 **SHALL PROMPTLY REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS TO THE**
26 **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DATA SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DATA SYSTEM**
27 **SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE NEW HOME STATE OF ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS.**

28 **(D) IF OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, THE HOME STATE MAY**
29 **RECOVER FROM THE AFFECTED AUDIOLOGIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
30 **PATHOLOGIST THE COSTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND DISPOSITION OF CASES**
31 **RESULTING FROM ANY ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THAT AUDIOLOGIST OR**
32 **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.**

33 **(E) THE HOME STATE SHALL TAKE ADVERSE ACTION BASED ON THE**
34 **FACTUAL FINDINGS OF THE REMOTE STATE, PROVIDED THAT THE HOME STATE**
35 **FOLLOWS ITS OWN PROCEDURES FOR TAKING THE ADVERSE ACTION.**

1 **(F) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO A MEMBER STATE**
2 **BY ITS RESPECTIVE AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PRACTICE ACT**
3 **OR OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAW, ANY MEMBER STATE MAY PARTICIPATE WITH**
4 **OTHER MEMBER STATES IN JOINT INVESTIGATIONS OF LICENSEES.**

5 **(2) MEMBER STATES SHALL SHARE ANY INVESTIGATIVE, LITIGATION,**
6 **OR COMPLIANCE MATERIALS IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY JOINT OR INDIVIDUAL**
7 **INVESTIGATION INITIATED UNDER THE COMPACT.**

8 **(G) IF ADVERSE ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE HOME STATE AGAINST AN**
9 **AUDIOLOGIST'S OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S LICENSE, THE**
10 **AUDIOLOGIST'S OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE IN**
11 **ALL OTHER MEMBER STATES SHALL BE DEACTIVATED UNTIL ALL ENCUMBRANCES**
12 **HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE STATE LICENSE. ALL HOME STATE DISCIPLINARY**
13 **ORDERS THAT IMPOSE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST AN AUDIOLOGIST'S OR**
14 **A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S LICENSE SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT**
15 **THAT THE AUDIOLOGIST'S OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S PRIVILEGE TO**
16 **PRACTICE IS DEACTIVATED IN ALL MEMBER STATES DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE**
17 **ORDER.**

18 **(H) IF A MEMBER STATE TAKES ADVERSE ACTION, IT SHALL PROMPTLY**
19 **NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DATA SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE**
20 **DATA SYSTEM SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE HOME STATE OF ANY ADVERSE**
21 **ACTIONS BY REMOTE STATES.**

22 **(I) NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL OVERRIDE A MEMBER STATE'S**
23 **DECISION THAT PARTICIPATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM MAY BE USED IN**
24 **LIEU OF ADVERSE ACTION.**

25 **SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUDIOLOGY AND**
26 **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY COMPACT COMMISSION**

27 **(A) (1) THE COMPACT MEMBER STATES HEREBY CREATE AND ESTABLISH**
28 **A JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY KNOWN AS THE AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
29 **PATHOLOGY COMPACT COMMISSION.**

30 **(2) THE COMMISSION IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE COMPACT**
31 **STATES.**

32 **(3) VENUE IS PROPER AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS BY OR AGAINST**
33 **THE COMMISSION SHALL BE BROUGHT SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY IN A COURT OF**
34 **COMPETENT JURISDICTION WHERE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION IS**
35 **LOCATED. THE COMMISSION MAY WAIVE VENUE AND JURISDICTIONAL DEFENSES**

1 TO THE EXTENT IT ADOPTS OR CONSENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALTERNATIVE
2 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEEDINGS.

3 (4) NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO BE A
4 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.

5 (B) (1) EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL HAVE TWO DELEGATES SELECTED
6 BY THE LICENSING BOARD OF THAT MEMBER STATE. THE DELEGATES SHALL BE
7 CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE LICENSING BOARD. ONE SHALL BE AN AUDIOLOGIST
8 AND ONE SHALL BE A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

9 (2) AN ADDITIONAL FIVE DELEGATES, WHO ARE EITHER PUBLIC
10 MEMBERS OR BOARD ADMINISTRATORS FROM STATE LICENSING BOARDS, SHALL BE
11 CHOSEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM A POOL OF NOMINEES PROVIDED BY
12 THE COMMISSION AT LARGE.

13 (3) ANY DELEGATE MAY BE REMOVED OR SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE
14 AS PROVIDED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE FROM WHICH THE DELEGATE IS
15 APPOINTED.

16 (4) THE MEMBER STATE BOARD SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY
17 OCCURRING ON THE COMMISSION WITHIN 90 DAYS.

18 (5) EACH DELEGATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE WITH
19 REGARD TO THE PROMULGATION OF RULES AND CREATION OF BYLAWS AND SHALL
20 OTHERWISE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BUSINESS AND
21 AFFAIRS OF THE COMMISSION.

22 (6) A DELEGATE SHALL VOTE IN PERSON OR BY OTHER MEANS AS
23 PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS. THE BYLAWS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF
24 THE DELEGATES IN MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER MEANS OF
25 COMMUNICATION.

26 (7) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE DURING EACH
27 CALENDAR YEAR. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AS SET FORTH IN THE
28 BYLAWS.

29 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:

30 (1) ESTABLISH THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE COMMISSION;

31 (2) ESTABLISH BYLAWS;

1 **(3) ESTABLISH A CODE OF ETHICS;**

2 **(4) MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
3 **BYLAWS;**

4 **(5) MEET AND TAKE ACTIONS AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE**
5 **PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT AND THE BYLAWS;**

6 **(6) PROMULGATE UNIFORM RULES TO FACILITATE AND COORDINATE**
7 **IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THIS COMPACT THAT SHALL HAVE THE**
8 **FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW AND SHALL BE BINDING IN ALL MEMBER STATES;**

9 **(7) BRING AND PROSECUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OR ACTIONS IN**
10 **THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION, PROVIDED THAT THE STANDING OF ANY STATE**
11 **AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSING BOARD TO SUE OR BE**
12 **SUED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED;**

13 **(8) PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN INSURANCE AND BONDS;**

14 **(9) BORROW, ACCEPT, OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF PERSONNEL,**
15 **INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMPLOYEES OF A MEMBER STATE;**

16 **(10) HIRE EMPLOYEES, ELECT OR APPOINT OFFICERS, FIX**
17 **COMPENSATION, DEFINE DUTIES, GRANT INDIVIDUALS APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY**
18 **TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT, AND ESTABLISH THE**
19 **COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF**
20 **INTEREST, QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL, AND OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL**
21 **MATTERS;**

22 **(11) ACCEPT ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE DONATIONS AND GRANTS OF**
23 **MONEY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, AND SERVICES, AND RECEIVE, UTILIZE,**
24 **AND DISPOSE OF THE SAME, PROVIDED THAT AT ALL TIMES THE COMMISSION SHALL**
25 **AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST;**

26 **(12) LEASE, PURCHASE, ACCEPT APPROPRIATE GIFTS OR DONATIONS**
27 **OF, OR OTHERWISE OWN, HOLD, IMPROVE, OR USE ANY PROPERTY, REAL,**
28 **PERSONAL, OR MIXED, PROVIDED THAT AT ALL TIMES THE COMMISSION SHALL**
29 **AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY;**

30 **(13) SELL, CONVEY, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, LEASE, EXCHANGE,**
31 **ABANDON, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED;**

32 **(14) ESTABLISH A BUDGET AND MAKE EXPENDITURES;**

1 **(15) BORROW MONEY;**

2 **(16) APPOINT COMMITTEES, INCLUDING STANDING COMMITTEES**
3 **COMPOSED OF MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS AS MAY BE**
4 **DESIGNATED IN THIS COMPACT AND THE BYLAWS;**

5 **(17) PROVIDE AND RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM, AND COOPERATE**
6 **WITH, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;**

7 **(18) ESTABLISH AND ELECT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; AND**

8 **(19) PERFORM OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR**
9 **APPROPRIATE TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT CONSISTENT WITH**
10 **STATE REGULATION OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**
11 **LICENSURE AND PRACTICE.**

12 **(D) (1) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ACT ON**
13 **BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THIS COMPACT.**

14 **(2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE**
15 **FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

16 **(I) SEVEN VOTING MEMBERS WHO ARE ELECTED BY THE**
17 **COMMISSION FROM THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION;**

18 **(II) TWO EX OFFICIO MEMBERS, CONSISTING OF ONE**
19 **NONVOTING MEMBER FROM A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL AUDIOLOGY PROFESSIONAL**
20 **ASSOCIATION AND ONE NONVOTING MEMBER FROM A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL**
21 **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATION; AND**

22 **(III) ONE EX OFFICIO, NONVOTING MEMBER FROM THE**
23 **RECOGNIZED MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION OF THE AUDIOLOGY OR**
24 **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSING BOARDS.**

25 **(3) THE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS SHALL BE SELECTED BY THEIR**
26 **RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.**

27 **(E) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY REMOVE ANY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE**
28 **COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS.**

29 **(2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ANNUALLY.**

1 **(3) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING**
2 **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

3 **(I) RECOMMEND TO THE ENTIRE COMMISSION CHANGES TO**
4 **THE RULES OR BYLAWS, CHANGES TO THIS COMPACT LEGISLATION, FEES PAID BY**
5 **COMPACT MEMBER STATES, SUCH AS ANNUAL DUES, AND ANY COMMISSION**
6 **COMPACT FEE CHARGED TO LICENSEES FOR THE COMPACT PRIVILEGE;**

7 **(II) ENSURE COMPACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ARE**
8 **APPROPRIATELY PROVIDED, CONTRACTUAL OR OTHERWISE;**

9 **(III) PREPARE AND RECOMMEND THE BUDGET;**

10 **(IV) MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RECORDS ON BEHALF OF THE**
11 **COMMISSION;**

12 **(V) MONITOR COMPACT COMPLIANCE OF MEMBER STATES AND**
13 **PROVIDE COMPLIANCE REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION;**

14 **(VI) ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY; AND**

15 **(VII) OTHER DUTIES AS PROVIDED IN RULES OR BYLAWS.**

16 **(4) ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND PUBLIC**
17 **NOTICE OF MEETINGS SHALL BE GIVEN IN THE SAME MANNER AS REQUIRED UNDER**
18 **THE RULEMAKING PROVISIONS IN SECTION 10.**

19 **(5) THE COMMISSION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OR OTHER**
20 **COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN A CLOSED, NONPUBLIC**
21 **MEETING IF THE COMMISSION OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR OTHER COMMITTEES**
22 **OF THE COMMISSION MUST DISCUSS:**

23 **(I) NONCOMPLIANCE OF A MEMBER STATE WITH ITS**
24 **OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COMPACT;**

25 **(II) THE EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE OR OTHER**
26 **MATTERS, PRACTICES OR PROCEDURES RELATED TO SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES, OR**
27 **OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S INTERNAL PERSONNEL**
28 **PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES;**

29 **(III) CURRENT, THREATENED, OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED**
30 **LITIGATION;**

1 (IV) NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE, LEASE,
2 OR SALE OF GOODS, SERVICES, OR REAL ESTATE;

3 (V) ACCUSING ANY PERSON OF A CRIME OR FORMALLY
4 CENSURING ANY PERSON;

5 (VI) DISCLOSURE OF TRADE SECRETS OR COMMERCIAL OR
6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL;

7 (VII) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL NATURE
8 WHERE DISCLOSURE WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF
9 PERSONAL PRIVACY;

10 (VIII) DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS COMPILED FOR
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES;

12 (IX) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO ANY
13 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS PREPARED BY OR ON BEHALF OF OR FOR USE OF THE
14 COMMISSION OR OTHER COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF
15 INVESTIGATION OR DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE ISSUES PURSUANT TO THE
16 COMPACT; OR

17 (X) MATTERS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE BY
18 FEDERAL OR MEMBER STATE STATUTE.

19 (6) IF A MEETING, OR PORTION OF A MEETING, IS CLOSED IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PROVISION, THE COMMISSION'S LEGAL COUNSEL OR
21 DESIGNEE SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED AND SHALL
22 REFERENCE EACH RELEVANT EXEMPTING PROVISION.

23 (7) THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP MINUTES THAT FULLY AND
24 CLEARLY DESCRIBE ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED IN A MEETING AND SHALL PROVIDE A
25 FULL AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN, AND THE REASONS
26 THEREFORE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED. ALL
27 DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ACTION SHALL BE IDENTIFIED
28 IN MINUTES. ALL MINUTES AND DOCUMENTS OF A CLOSED MEETING SHALL REMAIN
29 UNDER SEAL, SUBJECT TO RELEASE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSION OR
30 ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

31 (8) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL PAY, OR PROVIDE FOR THE
32 PAYMENT OF, THE REASONABLE EXPENSES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION,
33 AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES.

1 **(II) THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE**
2 **REVENUE SOURCES, DONATIONS, AND GRANTS OF MONEY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES,**
3 **MATERIALS, AND SERVICES.**

4 **(III) THE COMMISSION MAY LEVY ON AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL**
5 **ASSESSMENT FROM EACH MEMBER STATE OR IMPOSE FEES ON OTHER PARTIES TO**
6 **COVER THE COST OF THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND**
7 **ITS STAFF, WHICH MUST BE IN A TOTAL AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER ITS ANNUAL**
8 **BUDGET AS APPROVED EACH YEAR FOR WHICH REVENUE IS NOT PROVIDED BY**
9 **OTHER SOURCES. THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AMOUNT SHALL BE**
10 **ALLOCATED BASED ON A FORMULA TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION,**
11 **WHICH SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE BINDING ON ALL MEMBER STATES.**

12 **(9) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT INCUR OBLIGATIONS OF ANY KIND**
13 **PRIOR TO SECURING THE FUNDS ADEQUATE TO MEET THE SAME, NOR SHALL THE**
14 **COMMISSION PLEDGE THE CREDIT OF ANY OF THE MEMBER STATES, EXCEPT BY AND**
15 **WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE MEMBER STATE.**

16 **(10) THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF ALL**
17 **RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE**
18 **COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES**
19 **ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS BYLAWS. HOWEVER, ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**
20 **OF FUNDS HANDLED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE AUDITED YEARLY BY A**
21 **CERTIFIED OR LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT**
22 **SHALL BE INCLUDED IN AND BECOME PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE**
23 **COMMISSION.**

24 **(F) (1) THE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEES,**
25 **AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM SUIT AND**
26 **LIABILITY, EITHER PERSONALLY OR IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY, FOR ANY CLAIM**
27 **FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY OR PERSONAL INJURY OR OTHER CIVIL**
28 **LIABILITY CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR,**
29 **OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED, OR THAT THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM**
30 **IS MADE HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE**
31 **OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED THAT**
32 **NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROTECT ANY PERSON**
33 **FROM SUIT OR LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY, OR LIABILITY CAUSED BY**
34 **THE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF THAT PERSON.**

35 **(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEFEND ANY MEMBER, OFFICER,**
36 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSION IN**
37 **ANY CIVIL ACTION SEEKING TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR**
38 **ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF**

1 COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT THE PERSON
2 AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS MADE HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING
3 OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR
4 RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
5 PROHIBIT THAT PERSON FROM RETAINING HIS OR HER OWN COUNSEL, AND
6 PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION
7 DID NOT RESULT FROM THAT PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL OR WANTON
8 MISCONDUCT.

9 (3) THE COMMISSION SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY
10 MEMBER, OFFICER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF
11 THE COMMISSION FOR THE AMOUNT OF ANY SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT OBTAINED
12 AGAINST THAT PERSON ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR
13 OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT,
14 DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT PERSON HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR
15 BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES,
16 OR RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED THAT THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR
17 OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM THE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL OR WANTON
18 MISCONDUCT OF THAT PERSON.

19 SECTION 9. DATA SYSTEM

20 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,
21 MAINTENANCE, AND UTILIZATION OF A COORDINATED DATABASE AND REPORTING
22 SYSTEM CONTAINING LICENSURE, ADVERSE ACTION, AND INVESTIGATIVE
23 INFORMATION ON ALL LICENSED INDIVIDUALS IN MEMBER STATES.

24 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE LAW TO THE
25 CONTRARY, A MEMBER STATE SHALL SUBMIT A UNIFORM DATA SET TO THE DATA
26 SYSTEM ON ALL INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM THIS COMPACT IS APPLICABLE AS
27 REQUIRED BY THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING:

28 (1) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION;

29 (2) LICENSURE DATA;

30 (3) ADVERSE ACTIONS AGAINST A LICENSE OR COMPACT PRIVILEGE;

31 (4) NONCONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE
32 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION;

33 (5) ANY DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, AND THE REASON
34 FOR THE DENIAL; AND

1 **(6) OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY FACILITATE THE**
2 **ADMINISTRATION OF THIS COMPACT, AS DETERMINED BY THE RULES OF THE**
3 **COMMISSION.**

4 **(C) INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO A LICENSEE IN ANY**
5 **MEMBER STATE MAY BE AVAILABLE ONLY TO OTHER MEMBER STATES.**

6 **(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY ALL MEMBER STATES OF**
7 **ANY ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST A LICENSEE OR AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING**
8 **FOR A LICENSE. ADVERSE ACTION INFORMATION PERTAINING TO A LICENSEE IN**
9 **ANY MEMBER STATE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE.**

10 **(E) MEMBER STATES CONTRIBUTING INFORMATION TO THE DATA SYSTEM**
11 **MAY DESIGNATE INFORMATION THAT MAY NOT BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC**
12 **WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE CONTRIBUTING STATE.**

13 **(F) ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DATA SYSTEM THAT IS**
14 **SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED TO BE EXPUNGED BY THE LAWS OF THE MEMBER STATE**
15 **CONTRIBUTING THE INFORMATION SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE DATA SYSTEM.**

16 **SECTION 10. RULEMAKING**

17 **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL EXERCISE ITS RULEMAKING POWERS IN**
18 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND THE RULES**
19 **ADOPTED THEREUNDER. RULES AND AMENDMENTS SHALL BECOME BINDING AS OF**
20 **THE DATE SPECIFIED IN EACH RULE OR AMENDMENT.**

21 **(B) IF A MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATURES OF THE MEMBER STATES**
22 **REJECTS A RULE, BY ENACTMENT OF A STATUTE OR RESOLUTION IN THE SAME**
23 **MANNER USED TO ADOPT THE COMPACT WITHIN 4 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF**
24 **ADOPTION OF THE RULE, THE RULE SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER FORCE AND EFFECT**
25 **IN ANY MEMBER STATE.**

26 **(C) RULES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES SHALL BE ADOPTED AT A**
27 **REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.**

28 **(D) PRIOR TO PROMULGATION AND ADOPTION OF A FINAL RULE OR RULES**
29 **BY THE COMMISSION, AND AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT**
30 **WHICH THE RULE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON, THE COMMISSION SHALL**
31 **FILE A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING:**

32 **(1) ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION OR OTHER PUBLICLY**

1 ACCESSIBLE PLATFORM; AND

2 (2) ON THE WEBSITE OF EACH MEMBER STATE AUDIOLOGY OR
3 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY LICENSING BOARD OR OTHER PUBLICLY
4 ACCESSIBLE PLATFORM OR THE PUBLICATION IN WHICH EACH STATE WOULD
5 OTHERWISE PUBLISH PROPOSED RULES.

6 (E) THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING SHALL INCLUDE:

7 (1) THE PROPOSED TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING
8 DURING WHICH THE RULE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON;

9 (2) THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE OR AMENDMENT AND THE
10 REASON FOR THE PROPOSED RULE;

11 (3) A REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE FROM ANY
12 INTERESTED PERSON; AND

13 (4) THE MANNER IN WHICH INTERESTED PERSONS MAY SUBMIT
14 NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION OF THEIR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC
15 HEARING AND ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS.

16 (F) PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RULE, THE COMMISSION
17 SHALL ALLOW PERSONS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN DATA, FACTS, OPINIONS, AND
18 ARGUMENTS, WHICH SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

19 (G) THE COMMISSION SHALL GRANT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC
20 HEARING BEFORE IT ADOPTS A RULE OR AMENDMENT IF A HEARING IS REQUESTED
21 BY:

22 (1) AT LEAST 25 PERSONS;

23 (2) A STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION OR AGENCY;
24 OR

25 (3) AN ASSOCIATION HAVING AT LEAST 25 MEMBERS.

26 (H) (1) IF A HEARING IS HELD ON THE PROPOSED RULE OR AMENDMENT,
27 THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH THE PLACE, TIME, AND DATE OF THE SCHEDULED
28 PUBLIC HEARING. IF THE HEARING IS HELD VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE
29 COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH THE MECHANISM FOR ACCESSING THE ELECTRONIC
30 HEARING.

1 **(2) ALL PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD AT THE HEARING SHALL**
2 **NOTIFY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION OR OTHER DESIGNATED**
3 **MEMBER IN WRITING OF THEIR DESIRE TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY AT THE HEARING**
4 **NOT LESS THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DATE OF THE HEARING.**

5 **(3) HEARINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER PROVIDING EACH**
6 **PERSON WHO WISHES TO COMMENT A FAIR AND REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO**
7 **COMMENT ORALLY OR IN WRITING.**

8 **(4) ALL HEARINGS SHALL BE RECORDED. A COPY OF THE RECORDING**
9 **SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.**

10 **(5) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS**
11 **REQUIRING A SEPARATE HEARING ON EACH RULE. RULES MAY BE GROUPED FOR**
12 **THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COMMISSION AT HEARINGS REQUIRED BY THIS**
13 **SUBSECTION.**

14 **(I) FOLLOWING THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE, OR BY THE CLOSE OF**
15 **BUSINESS ON THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE IF THE HEARING WAS NOT HELD, THE**
16 **COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER ALL WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED.**

17 **(J) IF NO WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING BY**
18 **INTERESTED PARTIES IS RECEIVED, THE COMMISSION MAY PROCEED WITH**
19 **PROMULGATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING.**

20 **(K) THE COMMISSION SHALL, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS, TAKE**
21 **FINAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RULE AND SHALL DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVE**
22 **DATE OF THE RULE, IF ANY, BASED ON THE RULEMAKING RECORD AND THE FULL**
23 **TEXT OF THE RULE.**

24 **(L) ON DETERMINATION THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS, THE COMMISSION**
25 **MAY CONSIDER AND ADOPT AN EMERGENCY RULE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE,**
26 **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT, OR HEARING, PROVIDED THAT THE USUAL**
27 **RULEMAKING PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN THE COMPACT AND IN THIS SECTION**
28 **SHALL BE RETROACTIVELY APPLIED TO THE RULE AS SOON AS REASONABLY**
29 **POSSIBLE, IN NO EVENT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE**
30 **RULE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROVISION, AN EMERGENCY RULE IS ONE THAT**
31 **MUST BE ADOPTED IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO:**

32 **(1) MEET AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR**
33 **WELFARE;**

34 **(2) PREVENT A LOSS OF COMMISSION OR MEMBER STATE FUNDS; OR**

1 **(3) MEET A DEADLINE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF AN**
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE THAT IS ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL LAW OR RULE.**

3 **(M) THE COMMISSION OR AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF THE**
4 **COMMISSION MAY DIRECT REVISIONS TO A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RULE OR**
5 **AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF CORRECTING TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, ERRORS IN**
6 **FORMAT, ERRORS IN CONSISTENCY, OR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS. PUBLIC NOTICE OF**
7 **ANY REVISIONS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION. THE**
8 **REVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE BY ANY PERSON FOR A PERIOD OF 30**
9 **DAYS AFTER POSTING. THE REVISION MAY BE CHALLENGED ONLY ON GROUNDS**
10 **THAT THE REVISION RESULTS IN A MATERIAL CHANGE TO A RULE. A CHALLENGE**
11 **SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING AND DELIVERED TO THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION**
12 **PRIOR TO THE END OF THE NOTICE PERIOD. IF NO CHALLENGE IS MADE, THE**
13 **REVISION SHALL TAKE EFFECT WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION. IF THE REVISION IS**
14 **CHALLENGED, THE REVISION MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF**
15 **THE COMMISSION.**

16 **SECTION 11. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND**
17 **ENFORCEMENT**

18 **(A) (1) ON REQUEST BY A MEMBER STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL**
19 **ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES RELATED TO THE COMPACT THAT ARISE AMONG**
20 **MEMBER STATES AND BETWEEN MEMBER AND NONMEMBER STATES.**

21 **(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE PROVIDING FOR**
22 **BOTH MEDIATION AND BINDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR DISPUTES AS**
23 **APPROPRIATE.**

24 **(B) (1) THE COMMISSION, IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF ITS**
25 **DISCRETION, SHALL ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS AND RULES OF THIS COMPACT.**

26 **(2) BY MAJORITY VOTE, THE COMMISSION MAY INITIATE LEGAL**
27 **ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
28 **OR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE COMMISSION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES**
29 **AGAINST A MEMBER STATE IN DEFAULT TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE**
30 **PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT AND ITS PROMULGATED RULES AND BYLAWS. THE**
31 **RELIEF SOUGHT MAY INCLUDE BOTH INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGES. IN THE**
32 **EVENT JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT IS NECESSARY, THE PREVAILING MEMBER SHALL**
33 **BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF LITIGATION, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S**
34 **FEES.**

35 **(3) THE REMEDIES HEREIN SHALL NOT BE THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES**

1 OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION MAY PURSUE ANY OTHER REMEDIES
2 AVAILABLE UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW.

3 SECTION 12. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERSTATE
4 COMPACT FOR AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
5 PRACTICE AND ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND
6 AMENDMENT

7 (A) THE COMPACT SHALL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE
8 COMPACT STATUTE IS ENACTED INTO LAW IN THE 10TH MEMBER STATE. THE
9 PROVISIONS, WHICH BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THAT TIME, SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE
10 POWERS GRANTED TO THE COMMISSION RELATING TO ASSEMBLY AND THE
11 PROMULGATION OF RULES. THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AND
12 EXERCISE RULEMAKING POWERS NECESSARY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
13 ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT.

14 (B) ANY STATE THAT JOINS THE COMPACT SUBSEQUENT TO THE INITIAL
15 ADOPTION OF THE RULES BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES
16 AS THEY EXIST ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMPACT BECOMES LAW IN THAT
17 STATE. ANY RULE THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION
18 SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW ON THE DAY THE COMPACT
19 BECOMES LAW IN THAT STATE.

20 (C) (1) ANY MEMBER STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY
21 ENACTING A STATUTE REPEALING THE SAME.

22 (2) A MEMBER STATE'S WITHDRAWAL SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT
23 UNTIL 6 MONTHS AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE REPEALING STATUTE.

24 (3) WITHDRAWAL SHALL NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUING
25 REQUIREMENT OF THE WITHDRAWING STATE'S AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE
26 PATHOLOGY LICENSING BOARD TO COMPLY WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE AND
27 ADVERSE ACTION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT PRIOR TO THE
28 EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

29 (D) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
30 INVALIDATE OR PREVENT ANY AUDIOLOGY OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
31 LICENSURE AGREEMENT OR OTHER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A
32 MEMBER STATE AND A NONMEMBER STATE THAT DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH THE
33 PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.

34 (E) THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE MEMBER STATES. NO
35 AMENDMENT TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING ON ANY

1 MEMBER STATE UNTIL IT IS ENACTED INTO THE LAWS OF ALL MEMBER STATES.

2 **SECTION 13. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY**

3 **THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO AS TO EFFECTUATE THE**
4 **PURPOSES THEREOF. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE**
5 **AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT IS**
6 **DECLARED TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY MEMBER STATE OR OF**
7 **THE UNITED STATES OR THE APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY GOVERNMENT,**
8 **AGENCY, PERSON, OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, THE VALIDITY OF THE**
9 **REMAINDER OF THIS COMPACT AND THE APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY**
10 **GOVERNMENT, AGENCY, PERSON, OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED**
11 **THEREBY. IF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE HELD CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF**
12 **ANY MEMBER STATE, THE COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS**
13 **TO THE REMAINING MEMBER STATES AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE**
14 **MEMBER STATE AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS.**

15 **SECTION 14. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS**

16 **(A) NOTHING HEREIN PREVENTS THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OTHER LAW**
17 **OF A MEMBER STATE THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPACT.**

18 **(B) ALL LAWS IN A MEMBER STATE IN CONFLICT WITH THE COMPACT ARE**
19 **SUPERSEDED TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.**

20 **(C) ALL LAWFUL ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING ALL RULES**
21 **AND BYLAWS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION, ARE BINDING ON THE MEMBER**
22 **STATES.**

23 **(D) ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER**
24 **STATES ARE BINDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TERMS.**

25 **(E) IN THE EVENT ANY PROVISION OF THE COMPACT EXCEEDS THE**
26 **CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS IMPOSED ON THE LEGISLATURE OF ANY MEMBER STATE,**
27 **THE PROVISION SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT WITH**
28 **THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION IN QUESTION IN THAT MEMBER STATE.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is contingent on the
30 enacting of substantially similar legislation in nine other states. The Maryland Department
31 of Health shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 10 days after nine
32 states have enacted legislation that is substantially similar to this Act.

33 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this
34 Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.