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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cosmetology Licensure Compact**

3 FOR the purpose of entering into the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; establishing criteria
4 for participating states; authorizing an individual practicing cosmetology to practice
5 in a party state under certain circumstances; establishing the Cosmetology
6 Licensure Compact Commission and its duties and powers; providing for the
7 amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact; and generally relating to the
8 Cosmetology Licensure Compact.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

11 Section 5–6A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6A. Cosmetology Licensure
12 Compact”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

18 **SUBTITLE 6A. COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT.**

19 **5–6A–01.**

20 **THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND**
21 **ENTERED INTO WITH ALL OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT LEGALLY JOIN IN THE**
22 **COMPACT IN THE FORM SUBSTANTIALLY AS THE COMPACT APPEARS IN THIS**
23 **SECTION AS FOLLOWS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE.**

2 **THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT IS TO FACILITATE THE INTERSTATE**
3 **PRACTICE AND REGULATION OF COSMETOLOGY WITH THE GOAL OF IMPROVING**
4 **PUBLIC ACCESS TO, AND THE SAFETY OF, COSMETOLOGY SERVICES AND REDUCING**
5 **UNNECESSARY BURDENS RELATED TO COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE. THROUGH THIS**
6 **COMPACT, THE MEMBER STATES SEEK TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**
7 **WHICH PROVIDES FOR A NEW MULTISTATE LICENSING PROGRAM. THROUGH THIS**
8 **NEW LICENSING PROGRAM, THE MEMBER STATES SEEK TO PROVIDE INCREASED**
9 **VALUE AND MOBILITY TO LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS IN THE MEMBER STATES,**
10 **WHILE ENSURING THE PROVISION OF SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND RELIABLE SERVICES**
11 **TO THE PUBLIC.**

12 **THIS COMPACT IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES AND**
13 **THE MEMBER STATES HEREBY RATIFY THE SAME INTENTIONS BY SUBSCRIBING**
14 **HERETO:**

15 **A. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERSTATE PRACTICE BY**
16 **COSMETOLOGISTS WHO MEET UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTISTATE**
17 **LICENSURE;**

18 **B. ENHANCE THE ABILITIES OF MEMBER STATES TO PROTECT PUBLIC**
19 **HEALTH AND SAFETY AND PREVENT FRAUD AND UNLICENSED ACTIVITY WITHIN THE**
20 **PROFESSION;**

21 **C. ENSURE AND ENCOURAGE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES**
22 **IN THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY;**

23 **D. SUPPORT RELOCATING MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES;**

24 **E. FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN MEMBER**
25 **STATES RELATED TO THE LICENSURE, INVESTIGATION, AND DISCIPLINE OF THE**
26 **PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY;**

27 **F. PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND MOBILITY OF THE WORKFORCE IN**
28 **THE PROFESSION WHILE ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGE OF WORKERS AND LESSENING**
29 **THE ASSOCIATED BURDENS ON THE MEMBER STATES.**

30 **ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS.**

31 **AS USED IN THIS COMPACT, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THE**
32 **FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS SHALL GOVERN THE TERMS HEREIN:**

1 **A. “ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBER” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH**
2 **FULL-TIME DUTY STATUS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES,**
3 **INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE.**

4 **B. “ADVERSE ACTION” MEANS ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, EQUITABLE,**
5 **OR CRIMINAL ACTION PERMITTED BY A MEMBER STATE’S LAWS WHICH IS IMPOSED**
6 **BY A STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR OTHER REGULATORY BODY AGAINST A**
7 **COSMETOLOGIST, INCLUDING ACTIONS AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL’S LICENSE OR**
8 **AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE SUCH AS REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, PROBATION,**
9 **MONITORING OF THE LICENSEE, LIMITATION OF THE LICENSEE’S PRACTICE, OR ANY**
10 **OTHER ENCUMBRANCE ON A LICENSE AFFECTING AN INDIVIDUAL’S ABILITY TO**
11 **PARTICIPATE IN THE COSMETOLOGY INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF A**
12 **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.**

13 **C. “ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM” MEANS A NON-DISCIPLINARY MONITORING**
14 **OR PROSECUTORIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM APPROVED BY A MEMBER STATE’S**
15 **STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.**

16 **D. “AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE” MEANS A LEGAL AUTHORIZATION**
17 **ASSOCIATED WITH A MULTISTATE LICENSE PERMITTING THE PRACTICE OF**
18 **COSMETOLOGY IN THAT REMOTE STATE, WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE**
19 **ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN THAT**
20 **REMOTE STATE.**

21 **E. “BACKGROUND CHECK” MEANS THE SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION**
22 **FOR AN APPLICANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THAT APPLICANT’S CRIMINAL**
23 **HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION, AS FURTHER DEFINED IN 28 C.F.R. § 20.3(D),**
24 **FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE**
25 **FOR RETAINING STATE CRIMINAL OR DISCIPLINARY HISTORY IN THE APPLICANT’S**
26 **HOME STATE.**

27 **F. “CHARTER MEMBER STATE” MEANS MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE**
28 **ENACTED LEGISLATION TO ADOPT THIS COMPACT WHERE SUCH LEGISLATION**
29 **PREDATES THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS COMPACT AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 13.**

30 **G. “COMMISSION” MEANS THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHOSE**
31 **MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF ALL STATES THAT HAVE ENACTED THIS COMPACT,**
32 **WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION, AS**
33 **DEFINED IN ARTICLE 9, AND WHICH SHALL OPERATE AS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF**
34 **THE MEMBER STATES.**

35 **H. “COSMETOLOGIST” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED IN THEIR HOME**

1 STATE TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY.

2 I. "COSMETOLOGY", "COSMETOLOGY SERVICES", AND THE "PRACTICE
3 OF COSMETOLOGY" MEAN THE CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY A
4 COSMETOLOGIST AS SET FORTH IN THE MEMBER STATE'S STATUTES AND
5 REGULATIONS IN THE STATE WHERE THE SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED.

6 J. "CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION" MEANS:

7 1. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION THAT A STATE LICENSING
8 AUTHORITY, AFTER AN INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATION THAT COMPLIES WITH A
9 MEMBER STATE'S DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS, HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS NOT
10 GROUNDLESS AND, IF PROVED TRUE, WOULD INDICATE A VIOLATION OF THAT
11 STATE'S LAWS REGARDING FRAUD OR THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY; OR

12 2. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION THAT INDICATES THAT A
13 LICENSEE HAS ENGAGED IN FRAUD OR REPRESENTS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO
14 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN
15 NOTIFIED AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND.

16 K. "DATA SYSTEM" MEANS A REPOSITORY OF INFORMATION ABOUT
17 LICENSEES, INCLUDING LICENSE STATUS, INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION, AND
18 ADVERSE ACTIONS.

19 L. "DISQUALIFYING EVENT" MEANS ANY EVENT WHICH SHALL
20 DISQUALIFY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM HOLDING A MULTISTATE LICENSE UNDER THIS
21 COMPACT, WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY BY RULE OR ORDER SPECIFY.

22 M. "ENCUMBERED LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE IN WHICH AN ADVERSE
23 ACTION RESTRICTS THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY BY A LICENSEE, OR WHERE
24 SAID ADVERSE ACTION HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION.

25 N. "ENCUMBRANCE" MEANS A REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF, OR ANY
26 LIMITATION ON, THE FULL AND UNRESTRICTED PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY BY A
27 STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

28 O. "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" MEANS A GROUP OF DELEGATES ELECTED
29 OR APPOINTED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF AND WITHIN THE POWERS GRANTED TO THEM
30 BY THE COMMISSION.

31 P. "HOME STATE" MEANS THE MEMBER STATE WHICH IS A LICENSEE'S
32 PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE AND WHERE THAT LICENSEE HOLDS AN ACTIVE AND
33 UNENCUMBERED LICENSE TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY.

1 **Q. “INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION” MEANS INFORMATION, RECORDS, OR**
2 **DOCUMENTS RECEIVED OR GENERATED BY A STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY**
3 **PURSUANT TO AN INVESTIGATION OR OTHER INQUIRY.**

4 **R. “JURISPRUDENCE REQUIREMENT” MEANS THE ASSESSMENT OF AN**
5 **INDIVIDUAL’S KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAWS AND RULES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF**
6 **COSMETOLOGY IN A STATE.**

7 **S. “LICENSEE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CURRENTLY HOLDS A LICENSE**
8 **FROM A MEMBER STATE TO PRACTICE AS A COSMETOLOGIST.**

9 **T. “MEMBER STATE” MEANS ANY STATE THAT HAS ADOPTED THIS**
10 **COMPACT.**

11 **U. “MULTISTATE LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY AND SUBJECT TO**
12 **THE ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN A**
13 **LICENSEE’S HOME STATE, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY**
14 **IN MEMBER STATES AND INCLUDES AUTHORIZATIONS TO PRACTICE**
15 **COSMETOLOGY IN ALL REMOTE STATES PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT.**

16 **V. “REMOTE STATE” MEANS ANY MEMBER STATE, OTHER THAN THE**
17 **LICENSEE’S HOME STATE.**

18 **W. “RULE” MEANS ANY RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED BY THE**
19 **COMMISSION UNDER THIS COMPACT THAT HAS THE FORCE OF LAW.**

20 **X. “SINGLE-STATE LICENSE” MEANS A COSMETOLOGY LICENSE ISSUED**
21 **BY A MEMBER STATE THAT AUTHORIZES THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY ONLY**
22 **WITHIN THE ISSUING STATE AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY AUTHORIZATION OUTSIDE**
23 **OF THE ISSUING STATE.**

24 **Y. “STATE” MEANS A STATE, TERRITORY, OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED**
25 **STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

26 **Z. “STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY” MEANS A MEMBER STATE’S**
27 **REGULATORY BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING COSMETOLOGY LICENSES OR**
28 **OTHERWISE OVERSEEING THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY IN THAT STATE.**

29 **ARTICLE 3. MEMBER STATE REQUIREMENTS.**

30 **A. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THIS COMPACT, AND TO MAINTAIN**
31 **ELIGIBILITY AS A MEMBER STATE, A STATE MUST:**

1 **1. LICENSE AND REGULATE COSMETOLOGY;**

2 **2. HAVE A MECHANISM OR ENTITY IN PLACE TO RECEIVE AND**
3 **INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS ABOUT LICENSEES PRACTICING IN THAT STATE;**

4 **3. REQUIRE THAT LICENSEES WITHIN THE STATE PASS A**
5 **COSMETOLOGY COMPETENCY EXAMINATION PRIOR TO BEING LICENSED TO**
6 **PROVIDE COSMETOLOGY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC IN THAT STATE;**

7 **4. REQUIRE THAT LICENSEES SATISFY EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING**
8 **REQUIREMENTS IN COSMETOLOGY PRIOR TO BEING LICENSED TO PROVIDE**
9 **COSMETOLOGY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC IN THAT STATE;**

10 **5. IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING ONE OR MORE OF**
11 **THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION FROM APPLICANTS FOR**
12 **LICENSURE: CRIMINAL HISTORY; DISCIPLINARY HISTORY; OR BACKGROUND**
13 **CHECK. SUCH PROCEDURES MAY INCLUDE THE SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION BY**
14 **APPLICANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AN APPLICANT'S BACKGROUND**
15 **CHECK AS DEFINED HEREIN;**

16 **6. PARTICIPATE IN THE DATA SYSTEM, INCLUDING THROUGH THE**
17 **USE OF UNIQUE IDENTIFYING NUMBERS;**

18 **7. SHARE INFORMATION RELATED TO ADVERSE ACTIONS WITH THE**
19 **COMMISSION AND OTHER MEMBER STATES, BOTH THROUGH THE DATA SYSTEM**
20 **AND OTHERWISE;**

21 **8. NOTIFY THE COMMISSION AND OTHER MEMBER STATES, IN**
22 **COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT AND RULES OF THE COMMISSION,**
23 **OF THE EXISTENCE OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION OR CURRENT SIGNIFICANT**
24 **INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION IN THE STATE'S POSSESSION REGARDING A**
25 **LICENSEE PRACTICING IN THAT STATE;**

26 **9. COMPLY WITH SUCH RULES AS MAY BE ENACTED BY THE**
27 **COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE COMPACT; AND**

28 **10. ACCEPT LICENSEES FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES AS**
29 **ESTABLISHED HEREIN.**

30 **B. MEMBER STATES MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR GRANTING A LICENSE TO**
31 **PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY.**

1 **C. 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**
 4 **LICENSE GRANTED TO THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS GRANTING**
 5 **A MULTISTATE LICENSE TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE.**

6 **D. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL AFFECT THE REQUIREMENTS**
 7 **ESTABLISHED BY A MEMBER STATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SINGLE-STATE**
 8 **LICENSE.**

9 **E. A MULTISTATE LICENSE ISSUED TO A LICENSEE BY A HOME STATE TO**
 10 **A RESIDENT OF THAT STATE SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY EACH MEMBER STATE AS**
 11 **AUTHORIZING A LICENSEE TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY IN EACH MEMBER STATE.**

12 **F. AT NO POINT SHALL THE COMMISSION HAVE THE POWER TO DEFINE**
 13 **THE EDUCATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE TO**
 14 **PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY. THE MEMBER STATES SHALL RETAIN SOLE**
 15 **JURISDICTION OVER THE PROVISION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

16 **ARTICLE 4. MULTISTATE LICENSE.**

17 **A. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THEIR HOME STATE'S STATE LICENSING**
 18 **AUTHORITY FOR AN INITIAL MULTISTATE LICENSE UNDER THIS COMPACT, A**
 19 **LICENSEE MUST HOLD AN ACTIVE AND UNENCUMBERED SINGLE-STATE LICENSE**
 20 **TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY IN THEIR HOME STATE.**

21 **B. UPON THE RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MULTISTATE LICENSE,**
 22 **ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, A MEMBER STATE'S STATE**
 23 **LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE APPLICANT MEETS THE**
 24 **REQUIREMENTS FOR A MULTISTATE LICENSE UNDER THIS COMPACT.**

25 **C. IF AN APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MULTISTATE**
 26 **LICENSE UNDER THIS COMPACT AND ANY APPLICABLE RULES OF THE**
 27 **COMMISSION, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY IN RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION**
 28 **SHALL, WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, GRANT A MULTISTATE LICENSE TO THAT**
 29 **APPLICANT, AND INFORM ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE GRANT OF SAID**
 30 **MULTISTATE LICENSE.**

31 **D. A MULTISTATE LICENSE TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY ISSUED BY A**
 32 **MEMBER STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY EACH**
 33 **MEMBER STATE AS AUTHORIZING THE PRACTICE THEREOF AS THOUGH THAT**
 34 **LICENSEE HELD A SINGLE-STATE LICENSE TO DO SO IN EACH MEMBER STATE,**
 35 **SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS HEREIN.**

1 **E. A MULTISTATE LICENSE GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT MAY**
2 **BE EFFECTIVE FOR A DEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME, CONCURRENT WITH THE**
3 **LICENSURE RENEWAL PERIOD IN THE HOME STATE.**

4 **F. TO MAINTAIN A MULTISTATE LICENSE UNDER THIS COMPACT, A**
5 **LICENSEE SHALL:**

6 **1. AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE STATE LICENSING**
7 **AUTHORITY, AND THE STATE SCOPE OF PRACTICE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE**
8 **OF COSMETOLOGY, OF ANY MEMBER STATE IN WHICH THE LICENSEE PROVIDES**
9 **SERVICES;**

10 **2. PAY ALL REQUIRED FEES RELATED TO THE APPLICATION AND**
11 **PROCESS AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY BY RULE REQUIRE;**
12 **AND**

13 **3. COMPLY WITH ANY AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS REGARDING**
14 **MULTISTATE LICENSES WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY BY RULE PROVIDE.**

15 **G. A LICENSEE PRACTICING IN A MEMBER STATE IS SUBJECT TO ALL**
16 **SCOPE OF PRACTICE LAWS GOVERNING COSMETOLOGY SERVICES IN THAT STATE.**

17 **H. THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY UNDER A MULTISTATE LICENSE**
18 **GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT SHALL SUBJECT THE LICENSEE TO THE**
19 **JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY, THE COURTS, AND THE LAWS**
20 **OF THE MEMBER STATE IN WHICH THE COSMETOLOGY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.**

21 **ARTICLE 5. REISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE BY A NEW HOME STATE.**

22 **A. A LICENSEE MAY HOLD A MULTISTATE LICENSE, ISSUED BY THEIR**
23 **HOME STATE, IN ONLY ONE MEMBER STATE AT ANY GIVEN TIME.**

24 **B. IF A LICENSEE CHANGES THEIR HOME STATE BY MOVING BETWEEN**
25 **TWO MEMBER STATES:**

26 **1. THE LICENSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY APPLY FOR THE**
27 **REISSUANCE OF THEIR MULTISTATE LICENSE IN THEIR NEW HOME STATE. THE**
28 **LICENSEE SHALL PAY ALL APPLICABLE FEES AND NOTIFY THE PRIOR HOME STATE**
29 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION.**

30 **2. UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION TO REISSUE A MULTISTATE**
31 **LICENSE, THE NEW HOME STATE SHALL VERIFY THAT THE MULTISTATE LICENSE**

1 IS ACTIVE, UNENCUMBERED, AND ELIGIBLE FOR REISSUANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF
2 THE COMPACT AND THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION. THE MULTISTATE LICENSE
3 ISSUED BY THE PRIOR HOME STATE WILL BE DEACTIVATED AND ALL MEMBER
4 STATES NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE RULES ADOPTED BY THE
5 COMMISSION.

6 3. IF REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSURE, THE NEW HOME STATE
7 MAY REQUIRE A BACKGROUND CHECK AS SPECIFIED IN THE LAWS OF THAT STATE
8 OR THE COMPLIANCE WITH ANY JURISPRUDENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW
9 HOME STATE.

10 4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT, IF
11 A LICENSEE DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS COMPACT
12 FOR THE REISSUANCE OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE BY THE NEW HOME STATE, THEN
13 THE LICENSEE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE NEW HOME STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR
14 THE ISSUANCE OF A SINGLE-STATE LICENSE IN THAT STATE.

15 C. IF A LICENSEE CHANGES THEIR PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE BY
16 MOVING FROM A MEMBER STATE TO A NON-MEMBER STATE, OR FROM A
17 NON-MEMBER STATE TO A MEMBER STATE, THEN THE LICENSEE SHALL BE
18 SUBJECT TO THE STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SINGLE-STATE
19 LICENSE IN THE NEW HOME STATE.

20 D. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL INTERFERE WITH A LICENSEE'S
21 ABILITY TO HOLD A SINGLE-STATE LICENSE IN MULTIPLE STATES; HOWEVER FOR
22 THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT, A LICENSEE SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE HOME
23 STATE AND ONLY ONE MULTISTATE LICENSE.

24 E. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
25 ESTABLISHED BY A MEMBER STATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SINGLE-STATE
26 LICENSE.

27 **ARTICLE 6. AUTHORITY OF THE COMPACT COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATE**
28 **LICENSING AUTHORITIES.**

29 A. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT, NOR ANY RULE OR REGULATION OF THE
30 COMMISSION, MAY BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT, RESTRICT, OR IN ANY WAY REDUCE
31 THE ABILITY OF A MEMBER STATE TO ENACT AND ENFORCE LAWS, REGULATIONS,
32 OR OTHER RULES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY IN THAT STATE,
33 IF THOSE LAWS, REGULATIONS, OR OTHER RULES ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE
34 PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.

35 B. INsofar AS PRACTICAL, A MEMBER STATE'S STATE LICENSING

1 **AUTHORITY SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND WITH EACH ENTITY**
2 **EXERCISING INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER THE PRACTICE OF**
3 **COSMETOLOGY ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.**

4 **C. DISCIPLINE SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE IN**
5 **WHICH COSMETOLOGY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED. ACCORDINGLY, EACH MEMBER**
6 **STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING**
7 **COMPLAINTS ABOUT INDIVIDUALS PRACTICING COSMETOLOGY IN THAT STATE AND**
8 **FOR COMMUNICATING ALL RELEVANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY**
9 **SUCH ADVERSE ACTION TO THE OTHER MEMBER STATES THROUGH THE DATA**
10 **SYSTEM IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER METHODS THE COMMISSION MAY BY RULE**
11 **REQUIRE.**

12 **ARTICLE 7. ADVERSE ACTIONS.**

13 **A. A LICENSEE'S HOME STATE SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO IMPOSE**
14 **AN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A LICENSEE'S MULTISTATE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE**
15 **HOME STATE.**

16 **B. A HOME STATE MAY TAKE ADVERSE ACTION ON A MULTISTATE**
17 **LICENSE BASED ON THE INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION, CURRENT SIGNIFICANT**
18 **INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION, OR ADVERSE ACTION OF A REMOTE STATE.**

19 **C. IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS CONFERRED BY STATE LAW, EACH**
20 **REMOTE STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO:**

21 **1. TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A LICENSEE'S AUTHORIZATION**
22 **TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY THROUGH THE MULTISTATE LICENSE IN THAT**
23 **MEMBER STATE, PROVIDED THAT:**

24 **A. ONLY THE LICENSEE'S HOME STATE SHALL HAVE THE**
25 **POWER TO TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST THE MULTISTATE LICENSE ISSUED BY**
26 **THE HOME STATE; AND**

27 **B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF TAKING ADVERSE ACTION, THE**
28 **HOME STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL GIVE THE SAME PRIORITY**
29 **AND EFFECT TO REPORTED CONDUCT RECEIVED FROM A REMOTE STATE AS IT**
30 **WOULD IF THE CONDUCT HAD OCCURRED WITHIN THE HOME STATE. IN SO DOING,**
31 **THE HOME STATE SHALL APPLY ITS OWN STATE LAWS TO DETERMINE THE**
32 **APPROPRIATE ACTION.**

33 **2. ISSUE CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS OR IMPOSE AN ENCUMBRANCE**
34 **ON A LICENSEE'S AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE WITHIN THAT MEMBER STATE.**

1 **3. COMPLETE ANY PENDING INVESTIGATIONS OF A LICENSEE WHO**
2 **CHANGES THEIR PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE DURING THE COURSE OF SUCH AN**
3 **INVESTIGATION. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY REPORT THE RESULTS OF**
4 **AN INVESTIGATION TO THE COMMISSION THROUGH THE DATA SYSTEM AS**
5 **DESCRIBED HEREIN.**

6 **4. ISSUE SUBPOENAS FOR BOTH HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS**
7 **THAT REQUIRE THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES, AS WELL AS THE**
8 **PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE. SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY A STATE LICENSING**
9 **AUTHORITY IN A MEMBER STATE FOR THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF**
10 **WITNESSES OR THE PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE FROM ANOTHER MEMBER STATE**
11 **SHALL BE ENFORCED IN THE LATTER STATE BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT**
12 **JURISDICTION, ACCORDING TO THE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF THAT COURT**
13 **APPLICABLE TO SUBPOENAS ISSUED IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE IT. THE ISSUING**
14 **STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL PAY ANY WITNESS FEES, TRAVEL EXPENSES,**
15 **MILEAGE, AND OTHER FEES REQUIRED BY THE SERVICE STATUTES OF THE STATE IN**
16 **WHICH THE WITNESSES OR EVIDENCE ARE LOCATED.**

17 **5. IF OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY STATE LAW, RECOVER FROM THE**
18 **AFFECTED LICENSEE THE COSTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND DISPOSITION OF CASES**
19 **RESULTING FROM ANY ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THAT LICENSEE.**

20 **6. TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST THE LICENSEE'S**
21 **AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE IN THAT STATE BASED ON THE FACTUAL FINDINGS**
22 **OF ANOTHER REMOTE STATE.**

23 **D. A LICENSEE'S HOME STATE SHALL COMPLETE ANY PENDING**
24 **INVESTIGATION OF A COSMETOLOGIST WHO CHANGES THEIR PRIMARY STATE OF**
25 **RESIDENCE DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE HOME STATE SHALL**
26 **ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AND SHALL PROMPTLY**
27 **REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS TO THE DATA SYSTEM.**

28 **E. IF AN ADVERSE ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE HOME STATE AGAINST A**
29 **LICENSEE'S MULTISTATE LICENSE, THE LICENSEE'S AUTHORIZATION TO**
30 **PRACTICE IN ALL OTHER MEMBER STATES SHALL BE DEACTIVATED UNTIL ALL**
31 **ENCUMBRANCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HOME STATE LICENSE. ALL**
32 **HOME STATE DISCIPLINARY ORDERS THAT IMPOSE AN ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST**
33 **A LICENSEE'S MULTISTATE LICENSE SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT THE**
34 **COSMETOLOGIST'S AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE IS DEACTIVATED IN ALL**
35 **MEMBER STATES DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ORDER.**

36 **F. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL OVERRIDE A MEMBER STATE'S**

1 AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A LICENSEE'S PARTICIPATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE
2 PROGRAM IN LIEU OF ADVERSE ACTION. A LICENSEE'S MULTISTATE LICENSE
3 SHALL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE LICENSEE'S PARTICIPATION IN
4 ANY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM.

5 **G. JOINT INVESTIGATIONS.**

6 1. IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO A MEMBER STATE
7 BY ITS RESPECTIVE SCOPE OF PRACTICE LAWS OR OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAW,
8 A MEMBER STATE MAY PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER MEMBER STATES IN JOINT
9 INVESTIGATIONS OF LICENSEES.

10 2. MEMBER STATES SHALL SHARE ANY INVESTIGATIVE, LITIGATION,
11 OR COMPLIANCE MATERIALS IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY JOINT OR INDIVIDUAL
12 INVESTIGATION INITIATED UNDER THE COMPACT.

13 **ARTICLE 8. ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

14 ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS, OR THEIR SPOUSES, SHALL DESIGNATE A HOME
15 STATE WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A CURRENT LICENSE TO PRACTICE
16 COSMETOLOGY IN GOOD STANDING. THE INDIVIDUAL MAY RETAIN THEIR HOME
17 STATE DESIGNATION DURING ANY PERIOD OF SERVICE WHEN THAT INDIVIDUAL OR
18 THEIR SPOUSE IS ON ACTIVE DUTY ASSIGNMENT.

19 **ARTICLE 9. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE**
20 **COMPACT COMMISSION.**

21 A. THE COMPACT MEMBER STATES HEREBY CREATE AND ESTABLISH A
22 JOINT GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF ALL MEMBER
23 STATES THAT HAVE ENACTED THE COMPACT KNOWN AS THE COSMETOLOGY
24 LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY
25 OF THE COMPACT MEMBER STATES ACTING JOINTLY AND NOT AN
26 INSTRUMENTALITY OF ANY ONE STATE. THE COMMISSION SHALL COME INTO
27 EXISTENCE ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE COMPACT AS SET FORTH IN
28 ARTICLE 13.

29 **B. MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, AND MEETINGS.**

30 1. EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL HAVE AND BE LIMITED TO ONE
31 DELEGATE SELECTED BY THAT MEMBER STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY.

32 2. THE DELEGATE SHALL BE AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE
33 LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE MEMBER STATE OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

1 **3. THE COMMISSION SHALL BY RULE OR BYLAW ESTABLISH A TERM**
2 **OF OFFICE FOR DELEGATES AND MAY BY RULE OR BYLAW ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS.**

3 **4. THE COMMISSION MAY RECOMMEND REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION**
4 **OF ANY DELEGATE FROM OFFICE.**

5 **5. A MEMBER STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL FILL**
6 **ANY VACANCY OF ITS DELEGATE OCCURRING ON THE COMMISSION WITHIN 60 DAYS**
7 **OF THE VACANCY.**

8 **6. EACH DELEGATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE ON ALL**
9 **MATTERS THAT ARE VOTED ON BY THE COMMISSION.**

10 **7. THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE DURING EACH**
11 **CALENDAR YEAR. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS MAY BE HELD AS SET FORTH IN THE**
12 **BYLAWS. THE COMMISSION MAY MEET BY TELECOMMUNICATION, VIDEO**
13 **CONFERENCE, OR OTHER SIMILAR ELECTRONIC MEANS.**

14 **C. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:**

15 **1. ESTABLISH THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE COMMISSION;**

16 **2. ESTABLISH A CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
17 **POLICIES;**

18 **3. ADOPT RULES AND BYLAWS;**

19 **4. MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
20 **BYLAWS;**

21 **5. MEET AND TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE**
22 **PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT, THE COMMISSION'S RULES, AND THE BYLAWS;**

23 **6. INITIATE AND CONCLUDE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OR ACTIONS IN**
24 **THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION, PROVIDED THAT THE STANDING OF ANY STATE**
25 **LICENSING AUTHORITY TO SUE OR BE SUED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW MAY NOT BE**
26 **AFFECTED;**

27 **7. MAINTAIN AND CERTIFY RECORDS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED**
28 **TO A MEMBER STATE AS THE AUTHENTICATED BUSINESS RECORDS OF THE**
29 **COMMISSION AND DESIGNATE AN AGENT TO DO SO ON THE COMMISSION'S BEHALF;**

1 **8. PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN INSURANCE AND BONDS;**

2 **9. BORROW, ACCEPT, OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF PERSONNEL,**
3 **INCLUDING EMPLOYEES OF A MEMBER STATE;**

4 **10. CONDUCT AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW;**

5 **11. HIRE EMPLOYEES, ELECT OR APPOINT OFFICERS, FIX**
6 **COMPENSATION, DEFINE DUTIES, GRANT SUCH INDIVIDUALS APPROPRIATE**
7 **AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT, AND ESTABLISH THE**
8 **COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF**
9 **INTEREST, QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL, AND OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL**
10 **MATTERS;**

11 **12. AS SET FORTH IN THE COMMISSION RULES, CHARGE A FEE TO A**
12 **LICENSEE FOR THE GRANT OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE AND THEREAFTER, AS MAY**
13 **BE ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSION RULE, CHARGE THE LICENSEE A MULTISTATE**
14 **LICENSE RENEWAL FEE FOR EACH RENEWAL PERIOD. NOTHING HEREIN MAY BE**
15 **CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A HOME STATE FROM CHARGING A LICENSEE A FEE FOR**
16 **A MULTISTATE LICENSE OR RENEWALS OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE, OR A FEE FOR**
17 **THE JURISPRUDENCE REQUIREMENT IF THE MEMBER STATE IMPOSES SUCH A**
18 **REQUIREMENT FOR THE GRANT OF A MULTISTATE LICENSE;**

19 **13. ASSESS AND COLLECT FEES;**

20 **14. ACCEPT ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS**
21 **OF MONEY, OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, AND**
22 **SERVICES, AND RECEIVE, UTILIZE, AND DISPOSE OF THE SAME; PROVIDED THAT AT**
23 **ALL TIMES THE COMMISSION SHALL AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY OR**
24 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST;**

25 **15. LEASE, PURCHASE, RETAIN, OWN, HOLD, IMPROVE, OR USE ANY**
26 **PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED, OR ANY UNDIVIDED INTEREST THEREIN;**

27 **16. SELL, CONVEY, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, LEASE, EXCHANGE,**
28 **ABANDON, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED;**

29 **17. ESTABLISH A BUDGET AND MAKE EXPENDITURES;**

30 **18. BORROW MONEY;**

31 **19. APPOINT COMMITTEES, INCLUDING STANDING COMMITTEES,**
32 **COMPOSED OF MEMBERS, STATE REGULATORS, STATE LEGISLATORS OR THEIR**

1 REPRESENTATIVES, AND CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES, AND SUCH OTHER
2 INTERESTED PERSONS AS MAY BE DESIGNATED IN THIS COMPACT AND THE BYLAWS;

3 **20. PROVIDE AND RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM AND COOPERATE**
4 **WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;**

5 **21. ELECT A CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND**
6 **SUCH OTHER OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN THE COMMISSION'S**
7 **BYLAWS;**

8 **22. ESTABLISH AND ELECT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING**
9 **A CHAIR AND A VICE CHAIR;**

10 **23. ADOPT AND PROVIDE TO THE MEMBER STATES AN ANNUAL**
11 **REPORT;**

12 **24. DETERMINE WHETHER A STATE'S ADOPTED LANGUAGE IS**
13 **MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE MODEL COMPACT LANGUAGE SUCH THAT THE**
14 **STATE WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT; AND**

15 **25. PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR**
16 **APPROPRIATE TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT.**

17 **D. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

18 **1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ACT ON**
19 **BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THIS COMPACT. THE**
20 **POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL**
21 **INCLUDE:**

22 **A. OVERSEEING THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE**
23 **ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE**
24 **PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND BYLAWS, AND SUCH**
25 **OTHER DUTIES AS DEEMED NECESSARY;**

26 **B. RECOMMENDING TO THE COMMISSION CHANGES TO THE**
27 **RULES OR BYLAWS, CHANGES TO THIS COMPACT LEGISLATION, FEES CHARGED TO**
28 **COMPACT MEMBER STATES, FEES CHARGED TO LICENSEES, AND OTHER FEES;**

29 **C. ENSURING COMPACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ARE**
30 **APPROPRIATELY PROVIDED, INCLUDING BY CONTRACT;**

31 **D. PREPARING AND RECOMMENDING THE BUDGET;**

1 E. MAINTAINING FINANCIAL RECORDS ON BEHALF OF THE
2 COMMISSION;

3 F. MONITORING COMPACT COMPLIANCE OF MEMBER STATES
4 AND PROVIDING COMPLIANCE REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION;

5 G. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY;

6 H. EXERCISING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
7 COMMISSION DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN COMMISSION MEETINGS, EXCEPT
8 FOR ADOPTING OR AMENDING RULES, ADOPTING OR AMENDING BYLAWS, AND
9 EXERCISING ANY OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES EXPRESSLY RESERVED TO THE
10 COMMISSION BY RULE OR BYLAW; AND

11 I. OTHER DUTIES AS PROVIDED IN THE RULES OR BYLAWS OF
12 THE COMMISSION.

13 2. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF UP TO
14 SEVEN VOTING MEMBERS.

15 A. THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION AND ANY
16 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE
17 COMMITTEE SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; AND

18 B. OTHER THAN THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND
19 TREASURER, THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT THREE VOTING MEMBERS FROM THE
20 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

21 C. THE COMMISSION MAY ELECT EX OFFICIO, NONVOTING
22 MEMBERS FROM A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL COSMETOLOGY PROFESSIONAL
23 ASSOCIATION AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION'S BYLAWS
24 SHALL IDENTIFY QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS AND THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT
25 IF THE NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO APPOINT AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER
26 EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

27 3. THE COMMISSION MAY REMOVE ANY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE
28 COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN THE COMMISSION'S BYLAWS.

29 4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ANNUALLY.

30 A. ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AS WELL AS
31 ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT WHICH IT DOES NOT TAKE OR INTEND TO

1 TAKE FORMAL ACTION ON A MATTER FOR WHICH A COMMISSION VOTE WOULD
2 OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED, SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, EXCEPT THAT THE
3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY MEET IN A CLOSED, NON-PUBLIC SESSION OF A
4 PUBLIC MEETING WHEN DEALING WITH ANY OF THE MATTERS COVERED UNDER
5 ARTICLE 9.F.4.

6 B. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL GIVE 5 BUSINESS DAYS
7 ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITS PUBLIC MEETINGS, POSTED ON ITS WEBSITE AND AS
8 DETERMINED TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PUBLIC
9 MATTERS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO ADDRESS AT THOSE MEETINGS.

10 5. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY HOLD AN EMERGENCY
11 MEETING WHEN ACTING FOR THE COMMISSION TO:

12 A. MEET AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY,
13 OR WELFARE;

14 B. PREVENT A LOSS OF COMMISSION OR MEMBER STATE
15 FUNDS; OR

16 C. PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

17 E. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT AND PROVIDE TO THE MEMBER
18 STATES AN ANNUAL REPORT.

19 F. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

20 1. ALL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION THAT ARE NOT CLOSED
21 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9.F.4. SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NOTICE OF PUBLIC
22 MEETINGS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT LEAST 30 DAYS
23 PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC MEETING.

24 2. NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE 9.F.1., THE COMMISSION MAY
25 CONVENE AN EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING BY PROVIDING AT LEAST 24 HOURS
26 PRIOR NOTICE ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE, AND ANY OTHER MEANS AS
27 PROVIDED IN THE COMMISSION'S RULES, FOR ANY OF THE REASONS IT MAY
28 DISPENSE WITH NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING UNDER ARTICLE 11.L. THE
29 COMMISSION'S LEGAL COUNSEL SHALL CERTIFY THAT ONE OF THE REASONS
30 JUSTIFYING AN EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING HAS BEEN MET.

31 3. NOTICE OF ALL COMMISSION MEETINGS SHALL PROVIDE THE
32 TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING, AND IF THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD
33 OR ACCESSIBLE VIA TELECOMMUNICATION, VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR OTHER

1 ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE THE MECHANISM FOR ACCESS TO
2 THE MEETING.

3 4. THE COMMISSION MAY CONVENE IN A CLOSED, NON-PUBLIC
4 MEETING FOR THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS:

5 A. NON-COMPLIANCE OF A MEMBER STATE WITH ITS
6 OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COMPACT;

7 B. THE EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE OR OTHER
8 MATTERS, PRACTICES OR PROCEDURES RELATED TO SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OR
9 OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S INTERNAL PERSONNEL
10 PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES;

11 C. CURRENT OR THREATENED DISCIPLINE OF A LICENSEE BY
12 THE COMMISSION OR BY A MEMBER STATE'S LICENSING AUTHORITY;

13 D. CURRENT, THREATENED, OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED
14 LITIGATION;

15 E. NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE, LEASE,
16 OR SALE OF GOODS, SERVICES, OR REAL ESTATE;

17 F. ACCUSING ANY PERSON OF A CRIME OR FORMALLY
18 CENSURING ANY PERSON;

19 G. TRADE SECRETS OR COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL
20 INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL;

21 H. INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL NATURE WHERE
22 DISCLOSURE WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF
23 PERSONAL PRIVACY;

24 I. INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS COMPILED FOR LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES;

26 J. INFORMATION RELATED TO ANY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS
27 PREPARED BY OR ON BEHALF OF OR FOR USE OF THE COMMISSION OR OTHER
28 COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF INVESTIGATION OR
29 DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE ISSUES PURSUANT TO THE COMPACT;

30 K. LEGAL ADVICE;

1 **L. MATTERS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE TO**
2 **THE PUBLIC BY FEDERAL OR MEMBER STATE LAW; OR**

3 **M. OTHER MATTERS AS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION**
4 **BY RULE.**

5 **5. IF A MEETING, OR PORTION OF A MEETING, IS CLOSED, THE**
6 **PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL STATE THAT THE MEETING WILL BE CLOSED AND**
7 **REFERENCE EACH RELEVANT EXEMPTING PROVISION, AND SUCH REFERENCE**
8 **SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES.**

9 **6. THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP MINUTES THAT FULLY AND**
10 **CLEARLY DESCRIBE ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED IN A MEETING AND SHALL PROVIDE A**
11 **FULL AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN, AND THE REASONS THEREFOR,**
12 **INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED. ALL DOCUMENTS**
13 **CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ACTION SHALL BE IDENTIFIED IN SUCH**
14 **MINUTES. ALL MINUTES AND DOCUMENTS OF A CLOSED MEETING SHALL REMAIN**
15 **UNDER SEAL, SUBJECT TO RELEASE ONLY BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE**
16 **COMMISSION OR ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.**

17 **G. FINANCING OF THE COMMISSION.**

18 **1. THE COMMISSION SHALL PAY, OR PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT**
19 **OF, THE REASONABLE EXPENSES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND**
20 **ONGOING ACTIVITIES.**

21 **2. THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE**
22 **SOURCES OF REVENUE, DONATIONS, AND GRANTS OF MONEY, EQUIPMENT,**
23 **SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, AND SERVICES.**

24 **3. THE COMMISSION MAY LEVY ON AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL**
25 **ASSESSMENT FROM EACH MEMBER STATE AND IMPOSE FEES ON LICENSEES OF**
26 **MEMBER STATES TO WHOM IT GRANTS A MULTISTATE LICENSE TO COVER THE**
27 **COST OF THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF,**
28 **WHICH MUST BE IN A TOTAL AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER ITS ANNUAL BUDGET**
29 **AS APPROVED EACH YEAR FOR WHICH REVENUE IS NOT PROVIDED BY OTHER**
30 **SOURCES. THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AMOUNT FOR MEMBER STATES**
31 **SHALL BE ALLOCATED BASED UPON A FORMULA THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL**
32 **PROMULGATE BY RULE.**

33 **4. THE COMMISSION MAY NOT INCUR OBLIGATIONS OF ANY KIND**
34 **PRIOR TO SECURING THE ADEQUATE FUNDS TO MEET THE SAME; NOR SHALL THE**
35 **COMMISSION PLEDGE THE CREDIT OF ANY MEMBER STATES, EXCEPT BY AND WITH**

1 THE AUTHORITY OF THE MEMBER STATE.

2 5. THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF ALL
3 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE
4 COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTING
5 PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS BYLAWS. ALL RECEIPTS AND
6 DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS HANDLED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
7 AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW BY A CERTIFIED OR LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
8 AND THE REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW SHALL BE INCLUDED IN AND BECOME
9 PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

10 H. QUALIFIED IMMUNITY, DEFENSE, AND INDEMNIFICATION.

11 1. THE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEES
12 AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM SUIT AND
13 LIABILITY, BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY, FOR ANY CLAIM
14 FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY OR PERSONAL INJURY OR OTHER CIVIL
15 LIABILITY CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR,
16 OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED, OR THAT THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM
17 IS MADE HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE
18 OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDED THAT
19 NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROTECT ANY SUCH PERSON
20 FROM SUIT OR LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY, OR LIABILITY CAUSED BY
21 THE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF THAT PERSON. THE
22 PROCUREMENT OF INSURANCE OF ANY TYPE BY THE COMMISSION MAY NOT IN ANY
23 WAY COMPROMISE OR LIMIT THE IMMUNITY GRANTED HEREUNDER.

24 2. THE COMMISSION SHALL DEFEND ANY MEMBER, OFFICER,
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSION IN
26 ANY CIVIL ACTION SEEKING TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR
27 ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
28 COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR AS DETERMINED BY
29 THE COMMISSION THAT THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS MADE HAD A
30 REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
31 COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDED THAT
32 NOTHING HEREIN MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THAT PERSON FROM
33 RETAINING THEIR OWN COUNSEL AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE; AND PROVIDED FURTHER
34 THAT THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM
35 THAT PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT.

36 3. THE COMMISSION SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY
37 MEMBER, OFFICER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF
38 THE COMMISSION FOR THE AMOUNT OF ANY SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT OBTAINED

1 AGAINST THAT PERSON ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR
2 OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT,
3 DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT SUCH PERSON HAD A REASONABLE BASIS
4 FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT,
5 DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDED THAT THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT,
6 ERROR, OR OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM THE INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL OR
7 WANTON MISCONDUCT OF THAT PERSON.

8 4. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A LIMITATION ON
9 THE LIABILITY OF ANY LICENSEE FOR PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE OR
10 MISCONDUCT, WHICH SHALL BE GOVERNED SOLELY BY ANY OTHER APPLICABLE
11 STATE LAWS.

12 5. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO WAIVE
13 OR OTHERWISE ABROGATE A MEMBER STATE'S STATE ACTION IMMUNITY OR STATE
14 ACTION AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO ANTITRUST CLAIMS UNDER THE
15 FEDERAL SHERMAN ACT, FEDERAL CLAYTON ACT, OR ANY OTHER STATE OR
16 FEDERAL ANTITRUST OR ANTICOMPETITIVE LAW OR REGULATION.

17 6. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO BE A
18 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE MEMBER STATES OR BY THE
19 COMMISSION.

20 **ARTICLE 10. DATA SYSTEM.**

21 **A. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,**
22 **MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, AND UTILIZATION OF A COORDINATED DATABASE AND**
23 **REPORTING SYSTEM.**

24 **B. THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSIGN EACH APPLICANT FOR A MULTISTATE**
25 **LICENSE A UNIQUE IDENTIFIER, AS DETERMINED BY THE RULES OF THE**
26 **COMMISSION.**

27 **C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE LAW TO THE**
28 **CONTRARY, A MEMBER STATE SHALL SUBMIT A UNIFORM DATA SET TO THE DATA**
29 **SYSTEM ON ALL INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM THIS COMPACT IS APPLICABLE AS**
30 **REQUIRED BY THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING:**

31 1. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION;

32 2. LICENSURE DATA;

33 3. ADVERSE ACTIONS AGAINST A LICENSE AND RELATED THERETO;

1 4. **NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE**
2 **PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, THE BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF SUCH**
3 **PARTICIPATION, AND OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO SUCH PARTICIPATION;**

4 5. **ANY DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AND THE REASON**
5 **FOR THE DENIAL (EXCLUDING THE REPORTING OF ANY CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**
6 **INFORMATION WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW);**

7 6. **THE EXISTENCE OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION;**

8 7. **THE EXISTENCE OF CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE**
9 **INFORMATION; AND**

10 8. **OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY FACILITATE THE**
11 **ADMINISTRATION OF THIS COMPACT OR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, AS**
12 **DETERMINED BY THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION.**

13 **D. THE RECORDS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED TO A MEMBER STATE**
14 **PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT OR THROUGH THE DATA SYSTEM, WHEN CERTIFIED**
15 **BY THE COMMISSION OR AN AGENT THEREOF, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE**
16 **AUTHENTICATED BUSINESS RECORDS OF THE COMMISSION, AND SHALL BE**
17 **ENTITLED TO ANY ASSOCIATED HEARSAY EXCEPTION IN ANY RELEVANT JUDICIAL,**
18 **QUASI-JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS IN A MEMBER STATE.**

19 **E. THE EXISTENCE OF CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE**
20 **INFORMATION AND THE EXISTENCE OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION PERTAINING**
21 **TO A LICENSEE IN ANY MEMBER STATE WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO OTHER**
22 **MEMBER STATES.**

23 **F. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER STATES TO MONITOR THE**
24 **DATABASE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ADVERSE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST**
25 **SUCH A LICENSEE OR LICENSE APPLICANT. ADVERSE ACTION INFORMATION**
26 **PERTAINING TO A LICENSEE OR LICENSE APPLICANT IN ANY MEMBER STATE WILL**
27 **BE AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE.**

28 **G. MEMBER STATES CONTRIBUTING INFORMATION TO THE DATA SYSTEM**
29 **MAY DESIGNATE INFORMATION THAT MAY NOT BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC**
30 **WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE CONTRIBUTING STATE.**

31 **H. ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DATA SYSTEM THAT IS**
32 **SUBSEQUENTLY EXPUNGED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW OR THE LAWS OF THE**
33 **MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTING THE INFORMATION SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE**

1 DATA SYSTEM.

2 ARTICLE 11. RULEMAKING.

3 A. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE REASONABLE RULES IN ORDER
4 TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PURPOSES
5 AND PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT. A RULE SHALL BE INVALID AND HAVE NO
6 FORCE OR EFFECT ONLY IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HOLDS THAT
7 THE RULE IS INVALID BECAUSE THE COMMISSION EXERCISED ITS RULEMAKING
8 AUTHORITY IN A MANNER THAT IS BEYOND THE SCOPE AND PURPOSES OF THE
9 COMPACT, THE POWERS GRANTED UNDER THE COMPACT, OR BASED UPON
10 ANOTHER APPLICABLE STANDARD OF REVIEW.

11 B. THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW IN
12 EACH MEMBER STATE, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT WHERE THE RULES OF THE
13 COMMISSION CONFLICT WITH THE LAWS OF THE MEMBER STATE THAT ESTABLISH
14 THE MEMBER STATE'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF
15 COSMETOLOGY AS HELD BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE RULES OF
16 THE COMMISSION SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE IN THAT STATE TO THE EXTENT OF THE
17 CONFLICT.

18 C. THE COMMISSION SHALL EXERCISE ITS RULEMAKING POWERS
19 PURSUANT TO THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES
20 ADOPTED THEREUNDER. RULES SHALL BECOME BINDING AS OF THE DATE
21 SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR EACH RULE.

22 D. IF A MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATURES OF THE MEMBER STATES
23 REJECTS A RULE OR PORTION OF A RULE, BY ENACTMENT OF A STATUTE OR
24 RESOLUTION IN THE SAME MANNER USED TO ADOPT THE COMPACT WITHIN 4 YEARS
25 OF THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE RULE, THEN THE RULE MAY NOT HAVE FURTHER
26 FORCE AND EFFECT IN ANY MEMBER STATE OR TO ANY STATE APPLYING TO
27 PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPACT.

28 E. RULES SHALL BE ADOPTED AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
29 COMMISSION.

30 F. PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RULE, THE COMMISSION
31 SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ALLOW PERSONS TO PROVIDE ORAL AND
32 WRITTEN COMMENTS, DATA, FACTS, OPINIONS, AND ARGUMENTS.

33 G. PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RULE BY THE COMMISSION,
34 AND AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THE COMMISSION
35 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RULE, THE COMMISSION SHALL

1 PROVIDE A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING:

2 1. ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION OR OTHER PUBLICLY
3 ACCESSIBLE PLATFORM;

4 2. TO PERSONS WHO HAVE REQUESTED NOTICE OF THE
5 COMMISSION'S NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING; AND

6 3. IN ANY SUCH WAY THE COMMISSION MAY BY RULE SPECIFY.

7 H. THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING SHALL INCLUDE:

8 1. THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AT
9 WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE
10 AND, IF DIFFERENT, THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING WHERE THE
11 COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RULE;

12 2. IF THE HEARING IS HELD VIA TELECOMMUNICATION, VIDEO
13 CONFERENCE, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE
14 THE MECHANISM FOR ACCESS TO THE HEARING IN THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED
15 RULEMAKING;

16 3. THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE AND THE REASON THEREFOR;

17 4. A REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE FROM ANY
18 INTERESTED PERSON; AND

19 5. THE MANNER IN WHICH INTERESTED PERSONS MAY SUBMIT
20 WRITTEN COMMENTS.

21 I. ALL HEARINGS SHALL BE RECORDED. A COPY OF THE RECORDING AND
22 ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION IN
23 RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED RULE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

24 J. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE MAY BE CONSTRUED AS REQUIRING A
25 SEPARATE HEARING ON EACH RULE. RULES MAY BE GROUPED FOR THE
26 CONVENIENCE OF THE COMMISSION AT HEARINGS REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE.

27 K. THE COMMISSION SHALL, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS, TAKE
28 FINAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RULE BASED ON THE RULEMAKING RECORD AND
29 THE FULL TEXT OF THE RULE.

30 1. THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED RULE

1 PROVIDED THE CHANGES DO NOT ENLARGE THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE
2 PROPOSED RULE.

3 2. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF THE
4 REASONS FOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES MADE TO THE PROPOSED RULE AS WELL AS
5 REASONS FOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES NOT MADE THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY
6 COMMENTERS.

7 3. THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE A REASONABLE EFFECTIVE
8 DATE FOR THE RULE. EXCEPT FOR AN EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 11.L.,
9 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RULE SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE
10 COMMISSION ISSUING THE NOTICE THAT IT ADOPTED OR AMENDED THE RULE.

11 L. UPON A DETERMINATION THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS, THE
12 COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER AND ADOPT AN EMERGENCY RULE WITHIN 5 DAYS,
13 WITH OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, PROVIDED THAT THE USUAL RULEMAKING
14 PROCEDURES PROVIDED IN THE COMPACT AND IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE
15 RETROACTIVELY APPLIED TO THE RULE AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, IN NO
16 EVENT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RULE. FOR THE
17 PURPOSES OF THIS PROVISION, AN EMERGENCY RULE IS ONE THAT MUST BE
18 ADOPTED IMMEDIATELY TO:

19 1. MEET AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR
20 WELFARE;

21 2. PREVENT A LOSS OF COMMISSION OR MEMBER STATE FUNDS;

22 3. MEET A DEADLINE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF A RULE THAT IS
23 ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL LAW OR RULE; OR

24 4. PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

25 M. THE COMMISSION OR AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF THE
26 COMMISSION MAY DIRECT REVISIONS TO A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RULE FOR
27 PURPOSES OF CORRECTING TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, ERRORS IN FORMAT,
28 ERRORS IN CONSISTENCY, OR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS. PUBLIC NOTICE OF ANY
29 REVISIONS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION. THE REVISION
30 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE BY ANY PERSON FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS
31 AFTER POSTING. THE REVISION MAY BE CHALLENGED ONLY ON GROUNDS THAT THE
32 REVISION RESULTS IN A MATERIAL CHANGE TO A RULE. A CHALLENGE SHALL BE
33 MADE IN WRITING AND DELIVERED TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE END OF THE
34 NOTICE PERIOD. IF NO CHALLENGE IS MADE, THE REVISION WILL TAKE EFFECT
35 WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION. IF THE REVISION IS CHALLENGED, THE REVISION MAY

1 NOT TAKE EFFECT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

2 N. NO MEMBER STATE'S RULEMAKING REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY UNDER
3 THIS COMPACT.

4 ARTICLE 12. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT.

5 A. OVERSIGHT.

6 1. THE EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF STATE
7 GOVERNMENT IN EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL ENFORCE THIS COMPACT AND TAKE
8 ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPACT.

9 2. VENUE IS PROPER AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS BY OR AGAINST
10 THE COMMISSION SHALL BE BROUGHT SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY IN A COURT OF
11 COMPETENT JURISDICTION WHERE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION IS
12 LOCATED. THE COMMISSION MAY WAIVE VENUE AND JURISDICTIONAL DEFENSES
13 TO THE EXTENT IT ADOPTS OR CONSENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALTERNATIVE
14 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEEDINGS. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT OR LIMIT
15 THE SELECTION OR PROPRIETY OF VENUE IN ANY ACTION AGAINST A LICENSEE FOR
16 PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE, MISCONDUCT OR ANY SUCH SIMILAR MATTER.

17 3. THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SERVICE OF
18 PROCESS IN ANY PROCEEDING REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OR
19 INTERPRETATION OF THE COMPACT AND SHALL HAVE STANDING TO INTERVENE IN
20 SUCH A PROCEEDING FOR ALL PURPOSES. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION
21 SERVICE OF PROCESS SHALL RENDER A JUDGMENT OR ORDER VOID AS TO THE
22 COMMISSION, THIS COMPACT, OR PROMULGATED RULES.

23 B. DEFAULT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TERMINATION.

24 1. IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT A MEMBER STATE HAS
25 DEFAULTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES
26 UNDER THIS COMPACT OR THE PROMULGATED RULES, THE COMMISSION SHALL
27 PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DEFAULTING STATE. THE NOTICE OF DEFAULT
28 SHALL DESCRIBE THE DEFAULT, THE PROPOSED MEANS OF CURING THE DEFAULT,
29 AND ANY OTHER ACTION THAT THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE, AND SHALL OFFER
30 TRAINING AND SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE DEFAULT.

31 2. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF
32 DEFAULT TO THE OTHER MEMBER STATES.

33 3. IF A STATE IN DEFAULT FAILS TO CURE THE DEFAULT, THE

1 DEFAULTING STATE MAY BE TERMINATED FROM THE COMPACT AFTER AN
2 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES OF THE MEMBER STATES,
3 AND ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS CONFERRED ON THAT STATE BY THIS
4 COMPACT MAY BE TERMINATED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION. A CURE
5 OF THE DEFAULT DOES NOT RELIEVE THE OFFENDING STATE OF OBLIGATIONS OR
6 LIABILITIES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OF DEFAULT.

7 4. **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPACT SHALL BE**
8 **IMPOSED ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER MEANS OF SECURING COMPLIANCE HAVE BEEN**
9 **EXHAUSTED. NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND OR TERMINATE SHALL BE GIVEN BY**
10 **THE COMMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF**
11 **THE DEFAULTING STATE'S LEGISLATURE, THE DEFAULTING STATE'S STATE**
12 **LICENSING AUTHORITY AND EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES' STATE LICENSING**
13 **AUTHORITY.**

14 5. **A STATE THAT HAS BEEN TERMINATED IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL**
15 **ASSESSMENTS, OBLIGATIONS, AND LIABILITIES INCURRED THROUGH THE**
16 **EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION, INCLUDING OBLIGATIONS THAT EXTEND**
17 **BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION.**

18 6. **UPON THE TERMINATION OF A STATE'S MEMBERSHIP FROM THIS**
19 **COMPACT, THAT STATE SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE NOTICE TO ALL LICENSEES**
20 **WHO HOLD A MULTISTATE LICENSE WITHIN THAT STATE OF SUCH TERMINATION.**
21 **THE TERMINATED STATE SHALL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE ALL LICENSES GRANTED**
22 **PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT FOR A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF**
23 **SAID NOTICE OF TERMINATION.**

24 7. **THE COMMISSION MAY NOT BEAR ANY COSTS RELATED TO A**
25 **STATE THAT IS FOUND TO BE IN DEFAULT OR THAT HAS BEEN TERMINATED FROM**
26 **THE COMPACT, UNLESS AGREED UPON IN WRITING BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND**
27 **THE DEFAULTING STATE.**

28 8. **THE DEFAULTING STATE MAY APPEAL THE ACTION OF THE**
29 **COMMISSION BY PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE**
30 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE COMMISSION HAS**
31 **ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES. THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS**
32 **OF SUCH LITIGATION, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.**

33 **C. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

34 1. **UPON REQUEST BY A MEMBER STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL**
35 **ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES RELATED TO THE COMPACT THAT ARISE AMONG**
36 **MEMBER STATES AND BETWEEN MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER STATES.**

1 **2. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE PROVIDING FOR**
2 **BOTH MEDIATION AND BINDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR DISPUTES AS**
3 **APPROPRIATE.**

4 **D. ENFORCEMENT.**

5 **1. THE COMMISSION, IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF ITS**
6 **DISCRETION, SHALL ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT AND THE**
7 **COMMISSION'S RULES.**

8 **2. BY MAJORITY VOTE AS PROVIDED BY COMMISSION RULE, THE**
9 **COMMISSION MAY INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST A MEMBER STATE IN DEFAULT**
10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR THE**
11 **FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE COMMISSION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES TO**
12 **ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT AND ITS**
13 **PROMULGATED RULES. THE RELIEF SOUGHT MAY INCLUDE BOTH INJUNCTIVE**
14 **RELIEF AND DAMAGES. IN THE EVENT JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT IS NECESSARY, THE**
15 **PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION,**
16 **INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES. THE REMEDIES HEREIN MAY NOT BE**
17 **THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION MAY PURSUE**
18 **ANY OTHER REMEDIES AVAILABLE UNDER FEDERAL OR THE DEFAULTING MEMBER**
19 **STATE'S LAW.**

20 **3. A MEMBER STATE MAY INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE**
21 **COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF**
22 **COLUMBIA OR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT WHERE THE COMMISSION HAS ITS**
23 **PRINCIPAL OFFICES TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE**
24 **COMPACT AND ITS PROMULGATED RULES. THE RELIEF SOUGHT MAY INCLUDE**
25 **BOTH INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGES. IN THE EVENT JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT**
26 **IS NECESSARY, THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH**
27 **LITIGATION, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.**

28 **4. NO INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY OTHER THAN A MEMBER STATE MAY**
29 **ENFORCE THIS COMPACT AGAINST THE COMMISSION.**

30 **ARTICLE 13. EFFECTIVE DATE, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT.**

31 **A. THE COMPACT SHALL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE**
32 **COMPACT STATUTE IS ENACTED INTO LAW IN THE SEVENTH MEMBER STATE.**

33 **1. ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE COMPACT, THE**
34 **COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE AND REVIEW THE ENACTMENT OF EACH OF THE**

1 CHARTER MEMBER STATES TO DETERMINE IF THE STATUTE ENACTED BY EACH
2 SUCH CHARTER MEMBER STATE IS MATERIALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE MODEL
3 COMPACT STATUTE.

4 A. A CHARTER MEMBER STATE WHOSE ENACTMENT IS FOUND
5 TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE MODEL COMPACT STATUTE SHALL BE
6 ENTITLED TO THE DEFAULT PROCESS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 12.

7 B. IF ANY MEMBER STATE IS LATER FOUND TO BE IN DEFAULT,
8 OR IS TERMINATED OR WITHDRAWS FROM THE COMPACT, THE COMMISSION SHALL
9 REMAIN IN EXISTENCE AND THE COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT EVEN IF THE
10 NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE LESS THAN 7.

11 2. MEMBER STATES ENACTING THE COMPACT SUBSEQUENT TO THE
12 CHARTER MEMBER STATES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROCESS SET FORTH IN
13 ARTICLE 9.C.24. TO DETERMINE IF THEIR ENACTMENTS ARE MATERIALLY
14 DIFFERENT FROM THE MODEL COMPACT STATUTE AND WHETHER THEY QUALIFY
15 FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT.

16 3. ALL ACTIONS TAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMISSION OR
17 IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT
18 PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE COMPACT OR THE COMMISSION COMING
19 INTO EXISTENCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION
20 UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REPUDIATED BY THE COMMISSION.

21 4. ANY STATE THAT JOINS THE COMPACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
22 THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND BYLAWS AS THEY EXIST ON THE DATE ON WHICH
23 THE COMPACT BECOMES LAW IN THAT STATE. ANY RULE THAT HAS BEEN
24 PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND
25 EFFECT OF LAW ON THE DAY THE COMPACT BECOMES LAW IN THAT STATE.

26 B. ANY MEMBER STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY
27 ENACTING A STATUTE REPEALING THAT STATE'S ENACTMENT OF THE COMPACT.

28 1. A MEMBER STATE'S WITHDRAWAL MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL
29 180 DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE REPEALING STATUTE.

30 2. WITHDRAWAL MAY NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUING REQUIREMENT
31 OF THE WITHDRAWING STATE'S STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY TO COMPLY WITH
32 THE INVESTIGATIVE AND ADVERSE ACTION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
33 COMPACT BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

34 3. UPON THE ENACTMENT OF A STATUTE WITHDRAWING FROM THIS

1 COMPACT, A STATE SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE WITHDRAWAL
2 TO ALL LICENSEES WITHIN THAT STATE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SUBSEQUENT
3 STATUTORY ENACTMENT TO THE CONTRARY, SUCH WITHDRAWING STATE SHALL
4 CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE ALL LICENSES GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS COMPACT
5 FOR A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL.

6 C. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS COMPACT MAY BE CONSTRUED TO
7 INVALIDATE OR PREVENT ANY LICENSURE AGREEMENT OR OTHER COOPERATIVE
8 ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A MEMBER STATE AND A NON-MEMBER STATE THAT
9 DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.

10 D. THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE MEMBER STATES. NO
11 AMENDMENT TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING UPON
12 ANY MEMBER STATE UNTIL IT IS ENACTED INTO THE LAWS OF ALL MEMBER STATES.

13 ARTICLE 14. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY.

14 A. THIS COMPACT AND THE COMMISSION'S RULEMAKING AUTHORITY
15 SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO AS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES AND THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPACT. PROVISIONS OF THE
17 COMPACT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZING OR REQUIRING THE PROMULGATION OF
18 RULES MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE COMMISSION'S RULEMAKING
19 AUTHORITY SOLELY FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

20 B. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE AND IF ANY
21 PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT IS HELD BY A COURT
22 OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY
23 MEMBER STATE, A STATE SEEKING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT, OR OF THE
24 UNITED STATES, OR THE APPLICABILITY TO ANY GOVERNMENT, AGENCY, PERSON
25 OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY A COURT OF COMPETENT
26 JURISDICTION, THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS COMPACT AND THE
27 APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, AGENCY, PERSON OR
28 CIRCUMSTANCE MAY NOT BE AFFECTED.

29 C. NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE 14.B., THE COMMISSION MAY DENY A
30 STATE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT OR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
31 REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 12, TERMINATE A MEMBER STATE'S PARTICIPATION
32 IN THE COMPACT, IF IT DETERMINES THAT A CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT OF A
33 MEMBER STATE IS A MATERIAL DEPARTURE FROM THE COMPACT. OTHERWISE, IF
34 THIS COMPACT SHALL BE HELD TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY
35 MEMBER STATE, THE COMPACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO
36 THE REMAINING MEMBER STATES AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE
37 MEMBER STATE AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE MATTERS.

1 **ARTICLE 15. CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS.**

2 **A. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PREVENT OR INHIBIT THE ENFORCEMENT OF**
3 **ANY OTHER LAW OF A MEMBER STATE THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE**
4 **COMPACT.**

5 **B. ANY LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS, OR OTHER LEGAL**
6 **REQUIREMENTS IN A MEMBER STATE IN CONFLICT WITH THE COMPACT ARE**
7 **SUPERSEDED TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.**

8 **C. ALL PERMISSIBLE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE**
9 **MEMBER STATES ARE BINDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TERMS.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is contingent on the
11 enacting of substantially similar legislation in six other states. The Maryland Department
12 of Labor shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 10 days after any state
13 has enacted legislation that is substantially similar to this Act.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this
15 Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.