

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

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Session, 2021

H. B. 22- **80**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To have the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to improve and expand access to mental health care in the CNMI; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 22ND NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that states license
2 psychologists, in order to protect the public through verification of education,
3 training and experience and ensure accountability for professional practice. This
4 Compact is intended to regulate the day to day practice of telepsychology (i.e. the
5 provision of psychological services using telecommunication technologies) by
6 psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological
7 practice as assigned by an appropriate authority; to regulate the temporary in-
8 person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state
9 boundaries for 30 days within a calendar year in the performance of their
10 psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate authority; and to authorize

1 State Psychology Regulatory Authorities to afford legal recognition, in a manner
2 consistent with the terms of the Compact, to psychologists licensed in another state.

3 The Legislature further finds that this Compact recognizes that states have
4 a vested interest in protecting the public's health and safety through their licensing
5 and regulation of psychologists and that such state regulation will best protect
6 public health and safety and that this Compact does not apply when a psychologist
7 is licensed in both the Home and Receiving States and does not apply to permanent
8 in-person, face-to-face practice, it does allow for authorization of temporary
9 psychological practice.

10 Consistent with these principles, this Compact is designed to achieve the
11 following purposes and objectives:

12 1) Increase public access to professional psychological services by allowing
13 for telepsychological practice across state lines as well as temporary in-person,
14 face-to-face services into a state which the psychologist is not licensed to practice
15 psychology; 2) Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety,
16 especially client/patient safety; 3) Encourage the cooperation of Compact States in
17 the areas of psychology licensure and regulation; 4) Facilitate the exchange of
18 information between Compact States regarding psychologist licensure, adverse
19 actions and disciplinary history; 5) Promote compliance with the laws governing
20 psychological practice in each Compact State; and 6. Invest all Compact States with

1 the authority to hold licensed psychologists accountable through the mutual
2 recognition of Compact State licenses.

3 **Section 2. Enactment.** The following is hereby enacted subject to
4 codification by the CNMI Law Revision Commission:

5 “Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

6 101. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are
7 defined as follows:

- 8 a) “Adverse Action” means: Any action taken by a State
9 Psychology Regulatory Authority which finds a violation of
10 a statute or regulation that is identified by the State
11 Psychology Regulatory Authority as discipline and is a
12 matter of public record.
- 13 b) “Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
14 (ASPPB)” means: the recognized membership organization
15 composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory
16 Authorities responsible for the licensure and registration of
17 psychologists throughout the United States and Canada.
- 18 c) “Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology”
19 means: a licensed psychologist’s authority to practice
20 telepsychology, within the limits authorized under this
21 Compact, in another Compact State.

- 1 d) "Bylaws" means: those Bylaws established by the
2 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission
3 pursuant to Section X for its governance, or for directing and
4 controlling its actions and conduct.
- 5 e) "Client/Patient" means: the recipient of psychological
6 services, whether psychological services are delivered in the
7 context of healthcare, corporate, supervision, and/or
8 consulting services.
- 9 f) "Commissioner" means: the voting representative appointed
10 by each State Psychology Regulatory Authority pursuant to
11 Section X.
- 12 g) "Compact State" means: a state, the District of Columbia, or
13 United States territory that has enacted this Compact
14 legislation and which has not withdrawn pursuant to Article
15 XIII, Section C or been terminated pursuant to Article XII,
16 Section B.
- 17 h) "Coordinated Licensure Information System" also referred
18 to as "Coordinated Database" means: an integrated process
19 for collecting, storing, and sharing information on
20 psychologists' licensure and enforcement activities related
21 to psychology licensure laws, which is administered by the

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- 1 recognized membership organization composed of State and
2 Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities.
- 3 i) "Confidentiality" means: the principle that data or
4 information is not made available or disclosed to
5 unauthorized persons and/or processes.
- 6 j) "Day" means: any part of a day in which psychological work
7 is performed.
- 8 k) "Distant State" means: the Compact State where a
9 psychologist is physically present (not through the use of
10 telecommunications technologies), to provide temporary in-
11 person, face-to-face psychological services.
- 12 l) "E.Passport" means: a certificate issued by the Association
13 of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that
14 promotes the standardization in the criteria of
15 interjurisdictional telepsychology practice and facilitates the
16 process for licensed psychologists to provide
17 telepsychological services across state lines.
- 18 m) "Executive Board" means: a group of directors elected or
19 appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted
20 to them by, the Commission.

- 1 n) "Home State" means: a Compact State where a psychologist
2 is licensed to practice psychology. If the psychologist is
3 licensed in more than one Compact State and is practicing
4 under the Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional
5 Telepsychology, the Home State is the Compact State where
6 the psychologist is physically present when the
7 telepsychological services are delivered. If the psychologist
8 is licensed in more than one Compact State and is practicing
9 under the Temporary Authorization to Practice, the Home
10 State is any Compact State where the psychologist is
11 licensed.
- 12 o) "Identity History Summary" means: a summary of
13 information retained by the FBI, or other designee with
14 similar authority, in connection with arrests and, in some
15 instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military
16 service.
- 17 p) "In-Person, Face-to-Face" means: interactions in which the
18 psychologist and the client/patient are in the same physical
19 space and which does not include interactions that may occur
20 through the use of telecommunication technologies.

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- 1 q) “Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)” means: a
2 certificate issued by the Association of State and Provincial
3 Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that grants temporary
4 authority to practice based on notification to the State
5 Psychology Regulatory Authority of intention to practice
6 temporarily, and verification of one’s qualifications for such
7 practice.
- 8 r) “License” means: authorization by a State Psychology
9 Regulatory Authority to engage in the independent practice
10 of psychology, which would be unlawful without the
11 authorization.
- 12 s) “Non-Compact State” means: any State which is not at the
13 time a Compact State.
- 14 t) “Psychologist” means: an individual licensed for the
15 independent practice of psychology.
- 16 u) “Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission” also
17 referred to as “Commission” means: the national
18 administration of which all Compact States are members.
- 19 v) “Receiving State” means: a Compact State where the
20 client/patient is physically located when the
21 telepsychological services are delivered.

1 w) "Rule" means: a written statement by the Psychology
 2 Interjurisdictional Compact Commission promulgated
 3 pursuant to Section XI of the Compact that is of general
 4 applicability, implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy
 5 or provision of the Compact, or an organizational,
 6 procedural, or practice requirement of the Commission and
 7 has the force and effect of statutory law in a Compact State,
 8 and includes the amendment, repeal or suspension of an
 9 existing rule.

10 x) "Significant Investigatory Information" means:

11 1. investigative information that a State Psychology
 12 Regulatory Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that
 13 includes notification and an opportunity to respond if
 14 required by state law, has reason to believe, if proven true,
 15 would indicate more than a violation of state statute or ethics
 16 code that would be considered more substantial than minor
 17 infraction; or

18 2. investigative information that indicates that the
 19 psychologist represents an immediate threat to public health
 20 and safety regardless of whether the psychologist has been
 21 notified and/or had an opportunity to respond.

1 y) "State" means: a state, commonwealth, territory, or
2 possession of the United States, including the District of
3 Columbia.

4 z) "State Psychology Regulatory Authority" means: the Board,
5 office or other agency with the legislative mandate to license
6 and regulate the practice of psychology.

7 aa) "Telepsychology" means: the provision of psychological
8 services using telecommunication technologies.

9 bb) "Temporary Authorization to Practice" means: a licensed
10 psychologist's authority to conduct temporary in-person,
11 face-to-face practice, within the limits authorized under this
12 Compact, in another Compact State.

13 cc) "Temporary In-Person, Face-to-Face Practice" means:
14 where a psychologist is physically present (not through the
15 use of telecommunications technologies), in the Distant
16 State to provide for the practice of psychology for 30 days
17 within a calendar year and based on notification to the
18 Distant State.

19 102. Home State Licensure.

20 a) The Home State shall be a Compact State where a
21 psychologist is licensed to practice psychology.

- 1 b) A psychologist may hold one or more Compact State
2 licenses at a time. If the psychologist is licensed in more than
3 one Compact State, the Home State is the Compact State
4 where the psychologist is physically present when the
5 services are delivered as authorized by the Authority to
6 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms
7 of this Compact.
- 8 c) Any Compact State may require a psychologist not
9 previously licensed in a Compact State to obtain and retain
10 a license to be authorized to practice in the Compact State
11 under circumstances not authorized by the Authority to
12 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms
13 of this Compact.
- 14 d) Any Compact State may require a psychologist to obtain and
15 retain a license to be authorized to practice in a Compact
16 State under circumstances not authorized by Temporary
17 Authorization to Practice under the terms of this Compact.
- 18 e) A Home State's license authorizes a psychologist to practice
19 in a Receiving State under the Authority to Practice
20 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only if the Compact
21 State:

- 1 1. Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active
- 2 E.Passport;
- 3 2. Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating
- 4 complaints about licensed individuals;
- 5 3. Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms
- 6 herein, of any adverse action or significant investigatory
- 7 information regarding a licensed individual;
- 8 4. Requires an Identity History Summary of all applicants at
- 9 initial licensure, including the use of the results of
- 10 fingerprints or other biometric data checks compliant with
- 11 the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 12 (FBI), or other designee with similar authority, no later than
- 13 ten years after activation of the Compact; and
- 14 5. Complies with the Bylaws and Rules of the Commission.
- 15 f) A Home State's license grants Temporary Authorization to
- 16 Practice to a psychologist in a Distant State only if the
- 17 Compact State:
- 18 1. Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active IPC;
- 19 2. Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating
- 20 complaints about licensed individuals;

1 3. Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms
2 herein, of any adverse action or significant investigatory
3 information regarding a licensed individual;

4 4. Requires an Identity History Summary of all applicants at
5 initial licensure, including the use of the results of
6 fingerprints or other biometric data checks compliant with
7 the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation FBI,
8 or other designee with similar authority, no later than ten
9 years after activation of the Compact; and

10 5. Complies with the Bylaws and Rules of the Commission.

11 103. Compact Privilege to Practice Telepsychology.

12 a) Compact States shall recognize the right of a psychologist,
13 licensed in a Compact State in conformance with Article III,
14 to practice telepsychology in other Compact States
15 (Receiving States) in which the psychologist is not licensed,
16 under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional
17 Telepsychology as provided in the Compact.

18 b) To exercise the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional
19 Telepsychology under the terms and provisions of this
20 Compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a Compact
21 State must:

1 1. Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institute of
2 higher education that was, at the time the degree was
3 awarded:

4 A. Regionally accredited by an accrediting body
5 recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to
6 grant graduate degrees, OR authorized by Provincial
7 Statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees;
8 OR

9 B. A foreign college or university deemed to be
10 equivalent to 1 (A) above by a foreign credential
11 evaluation service that is a member of the National
12 Association of Credential Evaluation Services
13 (NACES) or by a recognized foreign credential
14 evaluation service; AND

15 2. Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the
16 following criteria:

17 A. The program, wherever it may be administratively
18 housed, must be clearly identified and labeled as a
19 psychology program. Such a program must specify
20 in pertinent institutional catalogues and brochures its

1 intent to educate and train professional
2 psychologists;

3 B. The psychology program must stand as a
4 recognizable, coherent, organizational entity within
5 the institution;

6 C. There must be a clear authority and primary
7 responsibility for the core and specialty areas
8 whether or not the program cuts across
9 administrative lines;

10 D. The program must consist of an integrated,
11 organized sequence of study;

12 E. There must be an identifiable psychology faculty
13 sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its
14 responsibilities;

15 F. The designated director of the program must be a
16 psychologist and a member of the core faculty;

17 G. The program must have an identifiable body of
18 students who are matriculated in that program for a
19 degree;

- 1 H. The program must include supervised practicum,
2 internship, or field training appropriate to the
3 practice of psychology;
- 4 I. The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of
5 three academic years of full- time graduate study for
6 doctoral degree and a minimum of one academic year
7 of full-time graduate study for master's degree;
- 8 J. The program includes an acceptable residency as
9 defined by the Rules of the Commission.
- 10 3. Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice
11 psychology in a Home State which is a Compact State;
- 12 4. Have no history of adverse action that violate the Rules
13 of the Commission;
- 14 5. Have no criminal record history reported on an Identity
15 History Summary that violates the Rules of the Commission;
- 16 6. Possess a current, active E.Passport;
- 17 7. Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended practice,
18 conformity with standards of practice, competence in
19 telepsychology technology; criminal background; and
20 knowledge and adherence to legal requirements in the home
21 and receiving states, and provide a release of information to

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- 1 allow for primary source verification in a manner specified
2 by the Commission; and
- 3 8. Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the
4 Commission.
- 5 c) The Home State maintains authority over the license of any
6 psychologist practicing into a Receiving State under the
7 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.
- 8 d) A psychologist practicing into a Receiving State under the
9 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology will
10 be subject to the Receiving State's scope of practice. A
11 Receiving State may, in accordance with that state's due
12 process law, limit or revoke a psychologist's Authority to
13 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in the Receiving
14 State and may take any other necessary actions under the
15 Receiving State's applicable law to protect the health and
16 safety of the Receiving State's citizens. If a Receiving State
17 takes action, the state shall promptly notify the Home State
18 and the Commission.
- 19 e) If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another
20 Compact State, or any Authority to Practice
21 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in any Receiving State, is

restricted, suspended or otherwise limited, the E.Passport shall be revoked and therefore the psychologist shall not be eligible to practice telepsychology in a Compact State under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

104. Compact Temporary Authorization to Practice.

a) Compact States shall recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed in a Compact State in conformance with Article III, to practice temporarily in other Compact States (Distant States) in which the psychologist is not licensed, as provided in the Compact.

b) To exercise the Temporary Authorization to Practice under the terms and provisions of this Compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a Compact State must:

1. Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institute of higher education that was, at the time the degree was awarded:

A. Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, OR authorized by Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees;
OR

1 B. A foreign college or university deemed to be
2 equivalent to 1 (A) above by a foreign credential
3 evaluation service that is a member of the National
4 Association of Credential Evaluation Services
5 (NACES) or by a recognized foreign credential
6 evaluation service; AND

7 2. Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the
8 following criteria:

9 A. The program, wherever it may be administratively
10 housed, must be clearly identified and labeled as a
11 psychology program. Such a program must specify
12 in pertinent institutional catalogues and brochures its
13 intent to educate and train professional
14 psychologists;

15 B. The psychology program must stand as a
16 recognizable, coherent, organizational entity within
17 the institution;

18 C. There must be a clear authority and primary
19 responsibility for the core and specialty areas
20 whether or not the program cuts across
21 administrative lines;

1 D. The program must consist of an integrated,
2 organized sequence of study;

3 E. There must be an identifiable psychology faculty
4 sufficient in size and breadth to carry out its
5 responsibilities;

6 F. The designated director of the program must be a
7 psychologist and a member of the core faculty;

8 G. The program must have an identifiable body of
9 students who are matriculated in that program for a
10 degree;

11 H. The program must include supervised practicum,
12 internship, or field training appropriate to the
13 practice of psychology;

14 I. The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of
15 three academic years of full- time graduate study for
16 doctoral degrees and a minimum of one academic
17 year of full-time graduate study for master's degree;

18 J. The program includes an acceptable residency as
19 defined by the Rules of the Commission.

20 3. Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice
21 psychology in a Home State which is a Compact State;

- 1 4. No history of adverse action that violate the Rules of the
- 2 Commission;
- 3 5. No criminal record history that violates the Rules of the
- 4 Commission;
- 5 6. Possess a current, active IPC;
- 6 7. Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended practice
- 7 and work experience and provide a release of information
- 8 to allow for primary source verification in a manner
- 9 specified by the Commission; and
- 10 8. Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the
- 11 Commission.
- 12 c) A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under the
- 13 Temporary Authorization to Practice shall practice within
- 14 the scope of practice authorized by the Distant State.
- 15 d) A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under the
- 16 Temporary Authorization to Practice will be subject to the
- 17 Distant State's authority and law. A Distant State may, in
- 18 accordance with that state's due process law, limit or revoke
- 19 a psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice in the
- 20 Distant State and may take any other necessary actions under
- 21 the Distant State's applicable law to protect the health and

1 safety of the Distant State's citizens. If a Distant State takes
2 action, the state shall promptly notify the Home State and the
3 Commission.

4 e) If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another
5 Compact State, or any Temporary Authorization to Practice
6 in any Distant State, is restricted, suspended or otherwise
7 limited, the IPC shall be revoked and therefore the
8 psychologist shall not be eligible to practice in a Compact
9 State under the Temporary Authorization to Practice.

10 105. Conditions of Telepsychology Practice in a Receiving State.

11 a) A psychologist may practice in a Receiving State under the
12 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology
13 only in the performance of the scope of practice for
14 psychology as assigned by an appropriate State Psychology
15 Regulatory Authority, as defined in the Rules of the
16 Commission, and under the following circumstances:

- 17 1. The psychologist initiates a client/patient contact in a
18 Home State via telecommunications technologies with a
19 client/patient in a Receiving State;
20 2. Other conditions regarding telepsychology as determined
21 by Rules promulgated by the Commission.

1 106. Adverse Actions.

2 a) A Home State shall have the power to impose adverse action
3 against a psychologist's license issued by the Home State. A
4 Distant State shall have the power to take adverse action on
5 a psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice within
6 that Distant State.

7 b) A Receiving State may take adverse action on a
8 psychologist's Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional
9 Telepsychology within that Receiving State. A Home State
10 may take adverse action against a psychologist based on an
11 adverse action taken by a Distant State regarding temporary
12 in-person, face-to-face practice.

13 c) If a Home State takes adverse action against a psychologist's
14 license, that psychologist's Authority to Practice
15 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is terminated and the
16 E.Passport is revoked. Furthermore, that psychologist's
17 Temporary Authorization to Practice is terminated and the
18 IPC is revoked.

19 1. All Home State disciplinary orders which impose adverse
20 action shall be reported to the Commission in accordance
21 with the Rules promulgated by the Commission. A Compact

1 State shall report adverse actions in accordance with the
2 Rules of the Commission.

3 2. In the event discipline is reported on a psychologist, the
4 psychologist will not be eligible for telepsychology or
5 temporary in-person, face-to-face practice in accordance
6 with the Rules of the Commission.

7 3. Other actions may be imposed as determined by the Rules
8 promulgated by the Commission.

9 d) A Home State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall
10 investigate and take appropriate action with respect to
11 reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a licensee
12 which occurred in a Receiving State as it would if such
13 conduct had occurred by a licensee within the Home State.
14 In such cases, the Home State's law shall control in
15 determining any adverse action against a psychologist's
16 license.

17 e) A Distant State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall
18 investigate and take appropriate action with respect to
19 reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a psychologist
20 practicing under Temporary Authorization Practice which
21 occurred in that Distant State as it would if such conduct had

1 occurred by a licensee within the Home State. In such cases,
2 Distant State's law shall control in determining any adverse
3 action against a psychologist's Temporary Authorization to
4 Practice.

5 f) Nothing in this Compact shall override a Compact State's
6 decision that a psychologist's participation in an alternative
7 program may be used in lieu of adverse action and that such
8 participation shall remain non- public if required by the
9 Compact State's law. Compact States must require
10 psychologists who enter any alternative programs to not
11 provide telepsychology services under the Authority to
12 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology or provide
13 temporary psychological services under the Temporary
14 Authorization to Practice in any other Compact State during
15 the term of the alternative program.

16 g) No other judicial or administrative remedies shall be
17 available to a psychologist in the event a Compact State
18 imposes an adverse action pursuant to subsection c, above.

19 107. Additional Authorities Invested in a Compact State's Psychology
20 Regulatory Authority.

- 1 a) In addition to any other powers granted under state law, a
- 2 Compact State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall
- 3 have the authority under this Compact to:
- 4 1. Issue subpoenas, for both hearings and investigations,
- 5 which require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and
- 6 the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a Compact
- 7 State's Psychology Regulatory Authority for the attendance
- 8 and testimony of witnesses, and/or the production of
- 9 evidence from another Compact State shall be enforced in
- 10 the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction,
- 11 according to that court's practice and procedure in
- 12 considering subpoenas issued in its own proceedings. The
- 13 issuing State Psychology Regulatory Authority shall pay any
- 14 witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and other fees
- 15 required by the service statutes of the state where the
- 16 witnesses and/or evidence are located; and
- 17 2. Issue cease and desist and/or injunctive relief orders to
- 18 revoke a psychologist's Authority to Practice
- 19 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary
- 20 Authorization to Practice.

3. During the course of any investigation, a psychologist may not change his/her Home State licensure. A Home State Psychology Regulatory Authority is authorized to complete any pending investigations of a psychologist and to take any actions appropriate under its law. The Home State Psychology Regulatory Authority shall promptly report the conclusions of such investigations to the Commission. Once an investigation has been completed, and pending the outcome of said investigation, the psychologist may change his/her Home State licensure. The Commission shall promptly notify the new Home State of any such decisions as provided in the Rules of the Commission. All information provided to the Commission or distributed by Compact States pursuant to the psychologist shall be confidential, filed under seal and used for investigatory or disciplinary matters. The Commission may create additional rules for mandated or discretionary sharing of information by Compact States.

108. Coordinated Licensure Information System.

- a) The Commission shall provide for the development and maintenance of a Coordinated Licensure Information

1 System (Coordinated Database) and reporting system
2 containing licensure and disciplinary action information on
3 all psychologists individuals to whom this Compact is
4 applicable in all Compact States as defined by the Rules of
5 the Commission.

6 b) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the
7 contrary, a Compact State shall submit a uniform data set to
8 the Coordinated Database on all licensees as required by the
9 Rules of the Commission, including:

- 10 1. Identifying information;
- 11 2. Licensure data;
- 12 3. Significant investigatory information;
- 13 4. Adverse actions against a psychologist's license;
- 14 5. An indicator that a psychologist's Authority to Practice
15 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary
16 Authorization to Practice is revoked;
- 17 6. Non-confidential information related to alternative
18 program participation information;
- 19 7. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reasons
20 for such denial; and

- 1 8. Other information which may facilitate the administration
2 of this Compact, as determined by the Rules of the
3 Commission.
- 4 c) The Coordinated Database administrator shall promptly
5 notify all Compact States of any adverse action taken
6 against, or significant investigative information on, any
7 licensee in a Compact State.
- 8 d) Compact States reporting information to the Coordinated
9 Database may designate information that may not be shared
10 with the public without the express permission of the
11 Compact State reporting the information.
- 12 e) Any information submitted to the Coordinated Database that
13 is subsequently required to be expunged by the law of the
14 Compact State reporting the information shall be removed
15 from the Coordinated Database.
- 16 109. Establishment of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
17 Commission.
- 18 a) The Compact States hereby create and establish a joint
19 public agency known as the Psychology Interjurisdictional
20 Compact Commission.

1 1. The Commission is a body politic and an instrumentality
2 of the Compact States.

3 2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the
4 Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a
5 court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of
6 the Commission is located. The Commission may waive
7 venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or
8 consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution
9 proceedings.

10 3. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver
11 of sovereign immunity.

12 b) Membership, Voting, and Meetings

13 1. The Commission shall consist of one voting representative
14 appointed by each Compact State who shall serve as that
15 state's Commissioner. The State Psychology Regulatory
16 Authority shall appoint its delegate. This delegate shall be
17 empowered to act on behalf of the Compact State. This
18 delegate shall be limited to:

19 A. Executive Director, Executive Secretary or
20 similar executive;

1 B. Current member of the State Psychology
2 Regulatory Authority of a Compact State; OR

3 C. Designee empowered with the appropriate
4 delegate authority to act on behalf of the Compact
5 State.

6 2. Any Commissioner may be removed or suspended from
7 office as provided by the law of the state from which the
8 Commissioner is appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the
9 Commission shall be filled in accordance with the laws of
10 the Compact State in which the vacancy exists.

11 3. Each Commissioner shall be entitled to one (1) vote with
12 regard to the promulgation of Rules and creation of Bylaws
13 and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the
14 business and affairs of the Commission. A Commissioner
15 shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in
16 the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for Commissioners'
17 participation in meetings by telephone or other means of
18 communication.

19 4. The Commission shall meet at least once during each
20 calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth
21 in the Bylaws.

1 5. All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice
2 of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required
3 under the rulemaking provisions in Article XI.

4 6. The Commission may convene in a closed, non-public
5 meeting if the Commission must discuss:

6 A. Non-compliance of a Compact State with its
7 obligations under the Compact;

8 B. The employment, compensation, discipline or
9 other personnel matters, practices or procedures
10 related to specific employees or other matters related
11 to the Commission's internal personnel practices and
12 procedures;

13 C. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
14 litigation against the Commission;

15 D. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale
16 of goods, services or real estate;

17 E. Accusation against any person of a crime or
18 formally censuring any person;

19 F. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or
20 financial information which is privileged or
21 confidential;

- 1 G. Disclosure of information of a personal nature
2 where disclosure would constitute a clearly
3 unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
4 H. Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for
5 law enforcement purposes;
6 I. Disclosure of information related to any
7 investigatory reports prepared by or on behalf of or
8 for use of the Commission or other committee
9 charged with responsibility for investigation or
10 determination of compliance issues pursuant to the
11 Compact; or
12 J. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by
13 federal and state statute.
- 14 7. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to
15 this provision, the Commission's legal counsel or designee
16 shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall
17 reference each relevant exempting provision. The
18 Commission shall keep minutes which fully and clearly
19 describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide
20 a full and accurate summary of actions taken, of any person
21 participating in the meeting, and the reasons therefore,

1 including a description of the views expressed. All
2 documents considered in connection with an action shall be
3 identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a
4 closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release
5 only by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court
6 of competent jurisdiction.

7 c) The Commission shall, by a majority vote of the
8 Commissioners, prescribe Bylaws and/or Rules to govern its
9 conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the
10 purposes and exercise the powers of the Compact, including
11 but not limited to:

12 1. Establishing the fiscal year of the Commission;

13 2. Providing reasonable standards and procedures:

14 A. for the establishment and meetings of other
15 committees; and

16 B. governing any general or specific delegation of
17 any authority or function of the Commission;

18 3. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and
19 conducting meetings of the Commission, ensuring
20 reasonable advance notice of all meetings and providing an
21 opportunity for attendance of such meetings by interested

1 parties, with enumerated exceptions designed to protect the
2 public's interest, the privacy of individuals of such
3 proceedings, and proprietary information, including trade
4 secrets. The Commission may meet in closed session only
5 after a majority of the Commissioners vote to close a
6 meeting to the public in whole or in part. As soon as
7 practicable, the Commission must make public a copy of the
8 vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of each
9 Commissioner with no proxy votes allowed;

10 4. Establishing the titles, duties and authority and reasonable
11 procedures for the election of the officers of the
12 Commission;

13 5. Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the
14 establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the
15 Commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other
16 similar law of any Compact State, the Bylaws shall
17 exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of
18 the Commission;

19 6. Promulgating a Code of Ethics to address permissible and
20 prohibited activities of Commission members and
21 employees;

- 1 7. Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of
2 the Commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus
3 funds that may exist after the termination of the Compact
4 after the payment and/or reserving of all of its debts and
5 obligations;
6 8. The Commission shall publish its Bylaws in a convenient
7 form and file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendment
8 thereto, with the appropriate agency or officer in each of the
9 Compact States;
10 9. The Commission shall maintain its financial records in
11 accordance with the Bylaws; and
12 10. The Commission shall meet and take such actions as are
13 consistent with the provisions of this Compact and the
14 Bylaws.
15 d) The Commission shall have the following powers:
16 1. The authority to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and
17 coordinate implementation and administration of this
18 Compact. The rule shall have the force and effect of law and
19 shall be binding in all Compact States;
20 2. To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the
21 name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any

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- 1 State Psychology Regulatory Authority or other regulatory
2 body responsible for psychology licensure to sue or be sued
3 under applicable law shall not be affected;
- 4 3. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;
- 5 4. To borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel,
6 including, but not limited to, employees of a Compact State;
- 7 5. To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix
8 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals
9 appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the
10 Compact, and to establish the Commission's personnel
11 policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest,
12 qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel
13 matters;
- 14 6. To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of
15 money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to
16 receive, utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all
17 times the Commission shall strive to avoid any appearance
18 of impropriety and/or conflict of interest;
- 19 7. To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations
20 of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property,
21 real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the

- 1 Commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of
2 impropriety;
- 3 8. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
4 abandon or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal
5 or mixed;
- 6 9. To establish a budget and make expenditures;
- 7 10. To borrow money;
- 8 11. To appoint committees, including advisory committees
9 comprised of Members, State regulators, State legislators or
10 their representatives, and consumer representatives, and
11 such other interested persons as may be designated in this
12 Compact and the Bylaws;
- 13 12. To provide and receive information from, and to
14 cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;
- 15 13. To adopt and use an official seal; and
- 16 14. To perform such other functions as may be necessary or
17 appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact
18 consistent with the state regulation of psychology licensure,
19 temporary in-person, face-to-face practice and
20 telepsychology practice.
- 21 e) The Executive Board

1 The elected officers shall serve as the Executive Board,
2 which shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission
3 according to the terms of this Compact.

4 1. The Executive Board shall be comprised of six members:

5 A. Five voting members who are elected from the
6 current membership of the Commission by the
7 Commission;

8 B. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from the
9 recognized membership organization composed of
10 State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory
11 Authorities.

12 2. The ex-officio member must have served as staff or
13 member on a State Psychology Regulatory Authority and
14 will be selected by its respective organization.

15 3. The Commission may remove any member of the
16 Executive Board as provided in Bylaws.

17 4. The Executive Board shall meet at least annually.

18 5. The Executive Board shall have the following duties and
19 responsibilities:

20 A. Recommend to the entire Commission changes to
21 the Rules or Bylaws, changes to this Compact

- 1 legislation, fees paid by Compact States such as
2 annual dues, and any other applicable fees;
- 3 B. Ensure Compact administration services are
4 appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;
- 5 C. Prepare and recommend the budget;
- 6 D. Maintain financial records on behalf of the
7 Commission;
- 8 E. Monitor Compact compliance of member states
9 and provide compliance reports to the Commission;
- 10 F. Establish additional committees as necessary; and
- 11 G. Other duties as provided in Rules or Bylaws.
- 12 f) Financing of the Commission
- 13 1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of
14 the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization
15 and ongoing activities.
- 16 2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate
17 revenue sources, donations and grants of money, equipment,
18 supplies, materials and services.
- 19 3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual
20 assessment from each Compact State or impose fees on other
21 parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of

1 the Commission and its staff which must be in a total amount
2 sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year
3 for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The
4 aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated
5 based upon a formula to be determined by the Commission
6 which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all Compact
7 States.

8 4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind
9 prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor
10 shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of the
11 Compact States, except by and with the authority of the
12 Compact State.

13 5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all
14 receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements
15 of the Commission shall be subject to the audit and
16 accounting procedures established under its Bylaws.
17 However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by
18 the Commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or
19 licensed public accountant and the report of the audit shall
20 be included in and become part of the annual report of the
21 Commission.

1 g) Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

2 1. The members, officers, Executive Director, employees
3 and representatives of the Commission shall be immune
4 from suit and liability, either personally or in their official
5 capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or
6 personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising
7 out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that
8 occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made
9 had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
10 scope of Commission employment, duties or
11 responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall
12 be construed to protect any such person from suit and/or
13 liability for any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by
14 the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that
15 person.

16 2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer,
17 Executive Director, employee or representative of the
18 Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability
19 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that
20 occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
21 duties or responsibilities, or that the person against whom

1 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing
2 occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
3 duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall
4 be construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her
5 own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged
6 act, error or omission did not result from that person's
7 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

8 3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any
9 member, officer, Executive Director, employee or
10 representative of the Commission for the amount of any
11 settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising
12 out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that
13 occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
14 duties or responsibilities, or that such person had a
15 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of
16 Commission employment, duties or responsibilities,
17 provided that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did
18 not result from the intentional or willful or wanton
19 misconduct of that person.

20 110. Rulemaking.

- 1 a) The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers
2 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Article and the Rules
3 adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become
4 binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.
- 5 b) If a majority of the legislatures of the Compact States rejects
6 a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same
7 manner used to adopt the Compact, then such rule shall have
8 no further force and effect in any Compact State.
- 9 c) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a
10 regular or special meeting of the Commission.
- 11 d) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or Rules
12 by the Commission, and at least sixty (60) days in advance
13 of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted
14 upon, the Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed
15 Rulemaking:
- 16 1. On the website of the Commission; and
17 2. On the website of each Compact States' Psychology
18 Regulatory Authority or the publication in which each state
19 would otherwise publish proposed rules.
- 20 e) The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

- 1 1. The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in
- 2 which the rule will be considered and voted upon;
- 3 2. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason
- 4 for the proposed rule;
- 5 3. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any
- 6 interested person; and
- 7 4. The manner in which interested persons may submit
- 8 notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the
- 9 public hearing and any written comments.
- 10 f) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission shall
- 11 allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and
- 12 arguments, which shall be made available to the public.
- 13 g) The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public
- 14 hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is
- 15 requested by:
- 16 1. At least twenty-five (25) persons who submit comments
- 17 independently of each other;
- 18 2. A governmental subdivision or agency; or
- 19 3. A duly appointed person in an association that has having
- 20 at least twenty-five (25) members.

- 1 h) If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the
- 2 Commission shall publish the place, time, and date of the
- 3 scheduled public hearing.
- 4 1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify
- 5 the Executive Director of the Commission or other
- 6 designated member in writing of their desire to appear and
- 7 testify at the hearing not less than five (5) business days
- 8 before the scheduled date of the hearing.
- 9 2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each
- 10 person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable
- 11 opportunity to comment orally or in writing.
- 12 3. No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a written
- 13 request for a transcript is made, in which case the person
- 14 requesting the transcript shall bear the cost of producing the
- 15 transcript. A recording may be made in lieu of a transcript
- 16 under the same terms and conditions as a transcript. This
- 17 subsection shall not preclude the Commission from making
- 18 a transcript or recording of the hearing if it so chooses.
- 19 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a
- 20 separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the

- 1 convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this
2 section.
- 3 i) Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of
4 business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not
5 held, the Commission shall consider all written and oral
6 comments received.
- 7 j) The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take
8 final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the
9 effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking
10 record and the full text of the rule.
- 11 k) If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by
12 interested parties is received, the Commission may proceed
13 with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public
14 hearing.
- 15 l) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the
16 Commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule
17 without prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing,
18 provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in
19 the Compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied
20 to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later
21 than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the rule. For

1 the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that
 2 must be adopted immediately in order to:

- 3 1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
- 4 welfare;
- 5 2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Compact State funds;
- 6 3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative
- 7 rule that is established by federal law or rule; or
- 8 4. Protect public health and safety.

9 m) The Commission or an authorized committee of the
 10 Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted
 11 rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical
 12 errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical
 13 errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the
 14 website of the Commission. The revision shall be subject to
 15 challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days after
 16 posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds
 17 that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A
 18 challenge shall be made in writing, and delivered to the
 19 Chair of the Commission prior to the end of the notice
 20 period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect
 21 without further action. If the revision is challenged, the

1 revision may not take effect without the approval of the
2 Commission.

3 111. Oversight, Dispute Resolution and Enforcement.

4 a) Oversight

5 1. The Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of state
6 government in each Compact State shall enforce this
7 Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to
8 effectuate the Compact's purposes and intent. The
9 provisions of this Compact and the rules promulgated
10 hereunder shall have standing as statutory law.

11 2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the Compact and
12 the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a
13 Compact State pertaining to the subject matter of this
14 Compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities or
15 actions of the Commission.

16 3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of
17 process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing to
18 intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to
19 provide service of process to the Commission shall render a
20 judgment or order void as to the Commission, this Compact
21 or promulgated rules.

1 b) Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

2 1. If the Commission determines that a Compact State has
3 defaulted in the performance of its obligations or
4 responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated
5 rules, the Commission shall:

6 A. Provide written notice to the defaulting state and
7 other Compact States of the nature of the default, the
8 proposed means of remedying the default and/or any
9 other action to be taken by the Commission; and

10 B. Provide remedial training and specific technical
11 assistance regarding the default.

12 2. If a state in default fails to remedy the default, the
13 defaulting state may be terminated from the Compact upon
14 an affirmative vote of a majority of the Compact States, and
15 all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this Compact
16 shall be terminated on the effective date of termination. A
17 remedy of the default does not relieve the offending state of
18 obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of
19 default.

20 3. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be
21 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance

- 1 have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or
2 terminate shall be submitted by the Commission to the
3 Governor, the majority and minority leaders of the
4 defaulting state's legislature, and each of the Compact States.
- 5 4. A Compact State which has been terminated is responsible
6 for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred
7 through the effective date of termination, including
8 obligations which extend beyond the effective date of
9 termination.
- 10 5. The Commission shall not bear any costs incurred by the
11 state which is found to be in default or which has been
12 terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing
13 between the Commission and the defaulting state.
- 14 6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the
15 Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the
16 state of Georgia or the federal district where the Compact
17 has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be
18 awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable
19 attorney's fees.
- 20 c) Dispute Resolution

1 1. Upon request by a Compact State, the Commission shall
2 attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact which
3 arise among Compact States and between Compact and Non-
4 Compact States.

5 2. The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for
6 both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes
7 that arise before the commission.

8 d) Enforcement

9 1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its
10 discretion, shall enforce the provisions and Rules of this
11 Compact.

12 2. By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal
13 action in the United States District Court for the State of
14 Georgia or the federal district where the Compact has its
15 principal offices against a Compact State in default to
16 enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and
17 its promulgated Rules and Bylaws. The relief sought may
18 include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event
19 judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member
20 shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including
21 reasonable attorney's fees.

1 3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies
2 of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other
3 remedies available under federal or state law.

4 112. Date of Implementation of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
5 Commission and Associated Rules, Withdrawal, and Amendments.

6 a) The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the
7 Compact is enacted into law in the seventh Compact State.
8 The provisions which become effective at that time shall be
9 limited to the powers granted to the Commission relating to
10 assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the
11 Commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers
12 necessary to the implementation and administration of the
13 Compact.

14 b) Any state which joins the Compact subsequent to the
15 Commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to
16 the rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact
17 becomes law in that state. Any rule which has been
18 previously adopted by the Commission shall have the full
19 force and effect of law on the day the Compact becomes law
20 in that state.

1 c) Any Compact State may withdraw from this Compact by
2 enacting a statute repealing the same.

3 1. A Compact State's withdrawal shall not take effect until
4 six (6) months after enactment of the repealing statute.

5 2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of
6 the withdrawing State's Psychology Regulatory Authority to
7 comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting
8 requirements of this act prior to the effective date of
9 withdrawal.

10 d) Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to
11 invalidate or prevent any psychology licensure agreement or
12 other cooperative arrangement between a Compact State and
13 a Non-Compact State which does not conflict with the
14 provisions of this Compact.

15 e) This Compact may be amended by the Compact States. No
16 amendment to this Compact shall become effective and
17 binding upon any Compact State until it is enacted into the
18 law of all Compact States."

19 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of
20 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
21 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its

1 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
2 shall not be affected thereby.

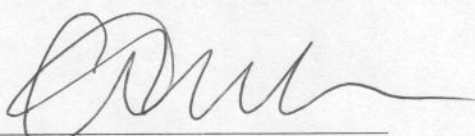

3 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
4 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
5 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted
6 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
7 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have
8 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal,
9 which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

10 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
11 the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

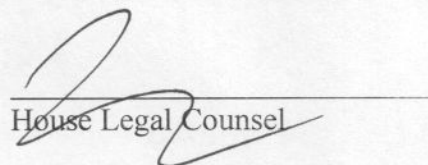
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