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Bill Number: HB579 E

Patron: Glass

Bill Title: Interstate Massage Compact; education and examination requirements; Compact Commission membership.

Bill Summary: Modifies the education and examination requirements of the Interstate Massage Compact to clarify acceptable national examinations and expand acceptable education programs to include massage therapists with less than 625 clock hours of education but who have held a license in good standing for at least two years. The bill permits each state to choose its delegate to the Commission as either a member of the state's licensing board or its primary administrative officer of the state's licensing authority and the Compact Commission to elect up to two ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission. The amendments are statutory updates requested of participating states by the Interstate Massage Compact Commission.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill clarifies multiple elements of the Interstate Massage Compact, including the types of national examinations member states must accept as a criterion for massage therapy licensure, avenues by which multistate license applicants may fulfill the Compact's education requirements, and the personnel eligible to be selected as state delegates to the Interstate Massage Compact Commission. The engrossed bill makes technical grammatical updates to such clarifying language. It is not expected that the proposed amendments to the Compact will result in a fiscal impact for the Board of Medicine or the Department of Health Professions.

Other: n/a