

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 758

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending sections 16101 and 18201 (MCL 333.16101 and 333.18201),
and by adding sections 16187 and 18211a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 16101. (1) For purposes of this article, the words and
2 phrases defined in sections ~~16102-16103~~ to ~~16109-16109a~~ have the
3 meanings ascribed to them in those sections **unless the context**
4 **requires a different meaning.**

5 (2) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and
6 principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code.

7 **Sec. 16187. (1) The psychology interjurisdictional compact is**
8 **enacted into law and entered into by this state as a party with all**



jurisdictions that legally join in the compact, in the form
substantially as follows:

PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (PSYPACT)

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

Whereas, states license psychologists, in order to protect the
public through verification of education, training and experience
and ensure accountability for professional practice; and

Whereas, this Compact is intended to regulate the day to day
practice of telepsychology (i.e. the provision of psychological
services using telecommunication technologies) by psychologists
across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological
practice as assigned by an appropriate authority; and

Whereas, this Compact is intended to regulate the temporary
in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists
across state boundaries for 30 days within a calendar year in the
performance of their psychological practice as assigned by an
appropriate authority;

Whereas, this Compact is intended to authorize State
Psychology Regulatory Authorities to afford legal recognition, in a
manner consistent with the terms of the Compact, to psychologists
licensed in another state;

Whereas, this Compact recognizes that states have a vested
interest in protecting the public's health and safety through their
licensing and regulation of psychologists and that such state
regulation will best protect public health and safety;

Whereas, this Compact does not apply when a psychologist is
licensed in both the Home and Receiving States; and

Whereas, this Compact does not apply to permanent in-person,



1 face-to-face practice, it does allow for authorization of temporary
2 psychological practice.

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

5 1. Increase public access to professional psychological
6 services by allowing for telepsychological practice across state
7 lines as well as temporary in-person, face-to-face services into a
8 state which the psychologist is not licensed to practice
9 psychology;

10 2. Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health
11 and safety, especially client/patient safety;

12 3. Encourage the cooperation of Compact States in the areas of
13 psychology licensure and regulation;

14 4. Facilitate the exchange of information between Compact
15 States regarding psychologist licensure, adverse actions and
16 disciplinary history;

17 5. Promote compliance with the laws governing psychological
18 practice in each Compact State; and

19 6. Invest all Compact States with the authority to hold
20 licensed psychologists accountable through the mutual recognition
21 of Compact State licenses.

22 ARTICLE II

23 DEFINITIONS

24 A. "Adverse Action" means any action taken by a State
25 Psychology Regulatory Authority which finds a violation of a
26 statute or regulation that is identified by the State Psychology
27 Regulatory Authority as discipline and is a matter of public
28 record.

29 B. "Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards



(ASPPB)" means the recognized membership organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities responsible for the licensure and registration of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada.

C. "Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology" means a licensed psychologist's authority to practice telepsychology, within the limits authorized under this Compact, in another Compact State.

D. "Bylaws" means those Bylaws established by the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission pursuant to Article X for its governance, or for directing and controlling its actions and conduct.

E. "Client/Patient" means the recipient of psychological services, whether psychological services are delivered in the context of healthcare, corporate, supervision, and/or consulting services.

F. "Commissioner" means the voting representative appointed by each State Psychology Regulatory Authority pursuant to Article X.

G. "Compact State" means a state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory that has enacted this Compact legislation and which has not withdrawn pursuant to Article XIII, Section C or been terminated pursuant to Article XII, Section B.

H. "Coordinated Licensure Information System" also referred to as "Coordinated Database" means an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on psychologists' licensure and enforcement activities related to psychology licensure laws, which is administered by the recognized membership organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory Authorities.



1 I. "Confidentiality" means the principle that data or
2 information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized
3 persons and/or processes.

4 J. "Day" means any part of a day in which psychological work
5 is performed.

6 K. "Distant State" means the Compact State where a
7 psychologist is physically present (not through the use of
8 telecommunications technologies), to provide temporary in-person,
9 face-to-face psychological services.

10 L. "E.Passport" means a certificate issued by the Association
11 of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that promotes the
12 standardization in the criteria of interjurisdictional
13 telepsychology practice and facilitates the process for licensed
14 psychologists to provide telepsychological services across state
15 lines.

16 M. "Executive Board" means a group of directors elected or
17 appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to
18 them by, the Commission.

19 N. "Home State" means a Compact State where a psychologist is
20 licensed to practice psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in
21 more than one Compact State and is practicing under the
22 Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, the
23 Home State is the Compact State where the psychologist is
24 physically present when the telepsychological services are
25 delivered. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact
26 State and is practicing under the Temporary Authorization to
27 Practice, the Home State is any Compact State where the
28 psychologist is licensed.

29 O. "Identity History Summary" means a summary of information



1 retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or other designee
2 with similar authority, in connection with arrests and, in some
3 instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military service.

4 P. "In-Person, Face-to-Face" means interactions in which the
5 psychologist and the client/patient are in the same physical space
6 and which does not include interactions that may occur through the
7 use of telecommunication technologies.

8 Q. "Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)" means a
9 certificate issued by the Association of State and Provincial
10 Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that grants temporary authority to
11 practice based on notification to the State Psychology Regulatory
12 Authority of intention to practice temporarily, and verification of
13 one's qualifications for such practice.

14 R. "License" means authorization by a State Psychology
15 Regulatory Authority to engage in the independent practice of
16 psychology, which would be unlawful without the authorization.

17 S. "Non-Compact State" means any State which is not at the
18 time a Compact State.

19 T. "Psychologist" means an individual licensed for the
20 independent practice of psychology.

21 U. "Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission" also
22 referred to as "Commission" means the national administration of
23 which all Compact States are members.

24 V. "Receiving State" means a Compact State where the
25 client/patient is physically located when the telepsychological
26 services are delivered.

27 W. "Rule" means a written statement by the Psychology
28 Interjurisdictional Compact Commission promulgated pursuant to
29 Article XI of the Compact that is of general applicability,



1 implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision of the
2 Compact, or an organizational, procedural, or practice requirement
3 of the Commission and has the force and effect of statutory law in
4 a Compact State, and includes the amendment, repeal or suspension
5 of an existing rule.

6 X. "Significant Investigatory Information" means:

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

13 2. Investigative information that indicates that the
14 psychologist represents an immediate threat to public health and
15 safety regardless of whether the psychologist has been notified
16 and/or had an opportunity to respond.

17 Y. "State" means a state, commonwealth, territory, or
18 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia.

19 Z. "State Psychology Regulatory Authority" means the Board,
20 office or other agency with the legislative mandate to license and
21 regulate the practice of psychology.

22 AA. "Telepsychology" means the provision of psychological
23 services using telecommunication technologies.

24 BB. "Temporary Authorization to Practice" means a licensed
25 psychologist's authority to conduct temporary in-person, face-to-
26 face practice, within the limits authorized under this Compact, in
27 another Compact State.

28 CC. "Temporary In-Person, Face-to-Face Practice" means where a
29 psychologist is physically present (not through the use of



telecommunications technologies), in the Distant State to provide for the practice of psychology for 30 days within a calendar year and based on notification to the Distant State.

ARTICLE III

HOME STATE LICENSURE

A. The Home State shall be a Compact State where a psychologist is licensed to practice psychology.

B. A psychologist may hold one or more Compact State licenses at a time. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State, the Home State is the Compact State where the psychologist is physically present when the services are delivered as authorized by the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms of this Compact.

C. Any Compact State may require a psychologist not previously licensed in a Compact State to obtain and retain a license to be authorized to practice in the Compact State under circumstances not authorized by the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms of this Compact.

D. Any Compact State may require a psychologist to obtain and retain a license to be authorized to practice in a Compact State under circumstances not authorized by Temporary Authorization to Practice under the terms of this Compact.

E. A Home State's license authorizes a psychologist to practice in a Receiving State under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only if the Compact State:

1. Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active E.Passport;
2. Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensed individuals;



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

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

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

F. A Home State's license grants Temporary Authorization to Practice to a psychologist in a Distant State only if the Compact State:

1. Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active IPC;

2. Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensed individuals;

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV

COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE TELEPSYCHOLOGY

A. Compact States shall recognize the right of a psychologist,



1 licensed in a Compact State in conformance with Article III, to
2 practice telepsychology in other Compact States (Receiving States)
3 in which the psychologist is not licensed, under the Authority to
4 Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology as provided in the
5 Compact.

6 B. To exercise the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional
7 Telepsychology under the terms and provisions of this Compact, a
8 psychologist licensed to practice in a Compact State must:

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

11 a. Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by
12 the United States Department of Education to grant graduate
13 degrees, OR authorized by Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to
14 grant doctoral degrees; or

15 b. A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to
16 1 (a) above by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a
17 member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation
18 Services (NACES) or by a recognized foreign credential evaluation
19 service; and

20 2. Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the
21 following criteria:

22 a. The program, wherever it may be administratively housed,
23 must be clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program.
24 Such a program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogues
25 and brochures its intent to educate and train professional
26 psychologists;

27 b. The psychology program must stand as a recognizable,
28 coherent, organizational entity within the institution;

29 c. There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility



1 for the core and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts
2 across administrative lines;

3 d. The program must consist of an integrated, organized
4 sequence of study;

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

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

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

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

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

17 j. The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by
18 the Rules of the Commission.

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

21 4. Have no history of adverse action that violate the Rules of
22 the Commission;

23 5. Have no criminal record history reported on an Identity
24 History Summary that violates the Rules of the Commission;

25 6. Possess a current, active E.Passport;

26 7. Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended
27 practice, conformity with standards of practice, competence in
28 telepsychology technology; criminal background; and knowledge and
29 adherence to legal requirements in the home and receiving states,



1 and provide a release of information to allow for primary source
2 verification in a manner specified 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 Authority
7 to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

8 D. A psychologist practicing into a Receiving State under the
9 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology will be
10 subject to the Receiving State's scope of practice. A Receiving
11 State may, in accordance with that state's due process law, limit
12 or revoke a psychologist's Authority to Practice
13 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in the Receiving State and may
14 take any other necessary actions under the Receiving State's
15 applicable law to protect the health and safety of the Receiving
16 State's citizens. If a Receiving State takes action, the state
17 shall promptly notify the Home State and the Commission.

18 E. If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another
19 Compact State, or any Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional
20 Telepsychology in any Receiving State, is restricted, suspended or
21 otherwise limited, the E.Passport shall be revoked and therefore
22 the psychologist shall not be eligible to practice telepsychology
23 in a Compact State under the Authority to Practice
24 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

25 ARTICLE V

26 COMPACT TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE

27 A. Compact States shall also recognize the right of a
28 psychologist, licensed in a Compact State in conformance with
29 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 United States Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, OR authorized by Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees; or

b. A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to 1 (a) above by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or by a recognized foreign credential evaluation service; and

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

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

b. The psychology program must stand as a recognizable, coherent, organizational entity within the institution;

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

d. The program must consist of an integrated, organized



1 sequence of study;

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

4 f. The designated director of the program must be a
5 psychologist and a member of the core faculty;

6 g. The program must have an identifiable body of students who
7 are matriculated in that program for a degree;

8 h. The program must include supervised practicum, internship,
9 or field training appropriate to the practice of psychology;

10 i. The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic
11 years of full-time graduate study for doctoral degrees and a
12 minimum of one academic year of full-time graduate study for
13 master's degree;

14 j. The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by
15 the Rules of the Commission.

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

18 4. No history of adverse action that violate the Rules of the
19 Commission;

20 5. No criminal record history that violates the Rules of the
21 Commission;

22 6. Possess a current, active IPC;

23 7. Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended
24 practice and work experience and provide a release of information
25 to allow for primary source verification in a manner specified by
26 the Commission; and

27 8. Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the
28 Commission.

29 C. A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under the



1 Temporary Authorization to Practice shall practice within the scope
2 of practice authorized by the Distant State.

3 D. A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under the
4 Temporary Authorization to Practice will be subject to the Distant
5 State's authority and law. A Distant State may, in accordance with
6 that state's due process law, limit or revoke a psychologist's
7 Temporary Authorization to Practice in the Distant State and may
8 take any other necessary actions under the Distant State's
9 applicable law to protect the health and safety of the Distant
10 State's citizens. If a Distant State takes action, the state shall
11 promptly notify the Home State and the Commission.

12 E. If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another
13 Compact State, or any Temporary Authorization to Practice in any
14 Distant State, is restricted, suspended or otherwise limited, the
15 IPC shall be revoked and therefore the psychologist shall not be
16 eligible to practice in a Compact State under the Temporary
17 Authorization to Practice.

18 ARTICLE VI

19 CONDITIONS OF TELEPSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE IN A RECEIVING STATE

20 A. A psychologist may practice in a Receiving State under the
21 Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only in
22 the performance of the scope of practice for psychology as assigned
23 by an appropriate State Psychology Regulatory Authority, as defined
24 in the Rules of the Commission, and under the following
25 circumstances:

26 1. The psychologist initiates a client/patient contact in a
27 Home State via telecommunications technologies with a
28 client/patient in a Receiving State;

29 2. Other conditions regarding telepsychology as determined by



1 Rules promulgated by the Commission.

2 ARTICLE VII

3 ADVERSE ACTIONS

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

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

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

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

24 2. In the event discipline is reported on a psychologist, the
25 psychologist will not be eligible for telepsychology or temporary
26 in-person, face-to-face practice in accordance with the Rules of
27 the Commission.

28 3. Other actions may be imposed as determined by the Rules
29 promulgated by the Commission.



1 D. A Home State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall
2 investigate and take appropriate action with respect to reported
3 inappropriate conduct engaged in by a licensee which occurred in a
4 Receiving State as it would if such conduct had occurred by a
5 licensee within the Home State. In such cases, the Home State's law
6 shall control in determining any adverse action against a
7 psychologist's license.

8 E. A Distant State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall
9 investigate and take appropriate action with respect to reported
10 inappropriate conduct engaged in by a psychologist practicing under
11 Temporary Authorization Practice which occurred in that Distant
12 State as it would if such conduct had occurred by a licensee within
13 the Home State. In such cases, Distant State's law shall control in
14 determining any adverse action against a psychologist's Temporary
15 Authorization to Practice.

16 F. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Compact State's
17 decision that a psychologist's participation in an alternative
18 program may be used in lieu of adverse action and that such
19 participation shall remain non-public if required by the Compact
20 State's law. Compact States must require psychologists who enter
21 any alternative programs to not provide telepsychology services
22 under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology
23 or provide temporary psychological services under the Temporary
24 Authorization to Practice in any other Compact State during the
25 term of the alternative program.

26 G. No other judicial or administrative remedies shall be
27 available to a psychologist in the event a Compact State imposes an
28 adverse action pursuant to subsection C, above.

29 ARTICLE VIII



ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES INVESTED IN A COMPACT STATE'S PSYCHOLOGY
REGULATORY AUTHORITY

A. In addition to any other powers granted under state law, a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall have the authority under this Compact to:

1. Issue subpoenas, for both hearings and investigations, which require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory Authority for the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and/or the production of evidence from another Compact State shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to that court's practice and procedure in considering subpoenas issued in its own proceedings. The issuing State Psychology Regulatory Authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the state where the witnesses and/or evidence are located; and

2. Issue cease and desist and/or injunctive relief orders to revoke a psychologist's Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary 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



1 Commission shall promptly notify the new Home State of any such
2 decisions as provided in the Rules of the Commission. All
3 information provided to the Commission or distributed by Compact
4 States pursuant to the psychologist shall be confidential, filed
5 under seal and used for investigatory or disciplinary matters. The
6 Commission may create additional rules for mandated or
7 discretionary sharing of information by Compact States.

8 ARTICLE IX

9 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM

10 A. The Commission shall provide for the development and
11 maintenance of a Coordinated Licensure Information System
12 (Coordinated Database) and reporting system containing licensure
13 and disciplinary action information on all psychologists
14 individuals to whom this Compact is applicable in all Compact
15 States as defined by the Rules of the Commission.

16 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the
17 contrary, a Compact State shall submit a uniform data set to the
18 Coordinated Database on all licensees as required by the Rules of
19 the Commission, including:

- 20 1. Identifying information;
21 2. Licensure data;
22 3. Significant investigatory information;
23 4. Adverse actions against a psychologist's license;
24 5. An indicator that a psychologist's Authority to Practice
25 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary Authorization
26 to Practice is revoked;
27 6. Non-confidential information related to alternative program
28 participation information;
29 7. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reasons



1 for such denial; and

2 8. Other information which may facilitate the administration
3 of this Compact, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

4 C. The Coordinated Database administrator shall promptly
5 notify all Compact States of any adverse action taken against, or
6 significant investigative information on, any licensee in a Compact
7 State.

8 D. Compact States reporting information to the Coordinated
9 Database may designate information that may not be shared with the
10 public without the express permission of the Compact State
11 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 Compact
14 State reporting the information shall be removed from the
15 Coordinated Database.

16 ARTICLE X

17 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT
18 COMMISSION

19 A. The Compact States hereby create and establish a joint
20 public agency known as the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
21 Commission.

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

24 2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the
25 Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of
26 competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Commission
27 is located. The Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional
28 defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in
29 alternative dispute resolution proceedings.



1 3. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver
2 of sovereign immunity.

3 B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

4 1. The Commission shall consist of one voting representative
5 appointed by each Compact State who shall serve as that state's
6 Commissioner. The State Psychology Regulatory Authority shall
7 appoint its delegate. This delegate shall be empowered to act on
8 behalf of the Compact State. This delegate shall be limited to:

9 a. Executive Director, Executive Secretary or similar
10 executive;

11 b. Current member of the State Psychology Regulatory Authority
12 of a Compact State; OR

13 c. Designee empowered with the appropriate delegate authority
14 to act on behalf of the Compact State.

15 2. Any Commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as
16 provided by the law of the state from which the Commissioner is
17 appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the Commission shall be filled
18 in accordance with the laws of the Compact State in which the
19 vacancy exists.

20 3. Each Commissioner shall be entitled to one (1) vote with
21 regard to the promulgation of Rules and creation of Bylaws and
22 shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business
23 and affairs of the Commission. A Commissioner shall vote in person
24 or by such other means as provided in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may
25 provide for Commissioners' participation in meetings by telephone
26 or other means of communication.

27 4. The Commission shall meet at least once during each
28 calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in
29 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 under the
3 rulemaking provisions in Article XI.

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

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

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

12 c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation
13 against the Commission;

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

16 e. Accusation against any person of a crime or formally
17 censuring any person;

18 f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial
19 information which is privileged or confidential;

20 g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature where
21 disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of
22 personal privacy;

23 h. Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law
24 enforcement purposes;

25 i. Disclosure of information related to any investigatory
26 reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or
27 other committee charged with responsibility for investigation or
28 determination of compliance issues pursuant to the Compact; or

29 j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal



1 and state statute.

2 7. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant
3 to this provision, the Commission's legal counsel or designee shall
4 certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each
5 relevant exempting provision. The Commission shall keep minutes
6 which fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting
7 and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, of
8 any person participating in the meeting, and the reasons therefore,
9 including a description of the views expressed. All documents
10 considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such
11 minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain
12 under seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the
13 Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

14 C. The Commission shall, by a majority vote of the
15 Commissioners, prescribe Bylaws and/or Rules to govern its conduct
16 as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and
17 exercise the powers of the Compact, including but not limited to:

- 18 1. Establishing the fiscal year of the Commission;
19 2. Providing reasonable standards and procedures:
20 a. For the establishment and meetings of other committees; and
21 b. Governing any general or specific delegation of any
22 authority or function of the Commission;
23 3. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting
24 meetings of the Commission, ensuring reasonable advance notice of
25 all meetings and providing an opportunity for attendance of such
26 meetings by interested parties, with enumerated exceptions designed
27 to protect the public's interest, the privacy of individuals of
28 such proceedings, and proprietary information, including trade
29 secrets. The Commission may meet in closed session only after a



majority of the Commissioners vote to close a meeting to the public in whole or in part. As soon as practicable, the Commission must make public a copy of the vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of each Commissioner with no proxy votes allowed;

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

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

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

7. Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the Commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the termination of the Compact after the payment and/or reserving of all of its debts and obligations;

8. The Commission shall publish its Bylaws in a convenient form and file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendment thereto, with the appropriate agency or officer in each of the Compact States;

9. The Commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance with the Bylaws; and

10. The Commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact and the Bylaws.

D. The Commission shall have the following powers:

1. The authority to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. The



1 rule shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in
2 all Compact States;

3 2. To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the
4 name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any State
5 Psychology Regulatory Authority or other regulatory body
6 responsible for psychology licensure to sue or be sued under
7 applicable law shall not be affected;

8 3. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

9 4. To borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel,
10 including, but not limited to, employees of a Compact State;

11 5. To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix
12 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate
13 authority to carry out the purposes of the Compact, and to
14 establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs relating
15 to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other
16 related personnel matters;

17 6. To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of
18 money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to receive,
19 utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the
20 Commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety
21 and/or conflict of interest;

22 7. To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations
23 of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, real,
24 personal or mixed; provided that at all times the Commission shall
25 strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

26 8. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon
27 or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal or mixed;

28 9. To establish a budget and make expenditures;

29 10. To borrow money;



1 11. To appoint committees, including advisory committees
2 comprised of Members, State regulators, and consumer
3 representatives, and such other interested persons as may be
4 designated in this Compact and the Bylaws;

5 12. To provide and receive information from, and to cooperate
6 with, law enforcement agencies;

7 13. To adopt and use an official seal; and

8 14. To perform such other functions as may be necessary or
9 appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact consistent with
10 the state regulation of psychology licensure, temporary in-person,
11 face-to-face practice and telepsychology practice.

12 E. The Executive Board

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

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

17 a. Five voting members who are elected from the current
18 membership of the Commission by the Commission;

19 b. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from the recognized
20 membership organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology
21 Regulatory Authorities.

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

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

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

28 5. The Executive Board shall have the following duties and
29 responsibilities:



1 a. Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the Rules or
2 Bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees paid by Compact
3 States such as annual dues, and any other applicable fees;

4 b. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately
5 provided, contractual or otherwise;

6 c. Prepare and recommend the budget;

7 d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Commission;

8 e. Monitor Compact compliance of member states and provide
9 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 the
14 reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing
15 activities.

16 2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue
17 sources, donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies,
18 materials and services.

19 3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment
20 from each Compact State or impose fees on other parties to cover
21 the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and its
22 staff which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its
23 annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not
24 provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount
25 shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the
26 Commission which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all Compact
27 States.

28 4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind
29 prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall



1 the Commission pledge the credit of any of the Compact States,
2 except by and with the authority of the Compact State.

3 5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts
4 and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission
5 shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established
6 under its Bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds
7 handled by the Commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or
8 licensed public accountant and the report of the audit shall be
9 included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.

10 G. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

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

23 2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer, Executive
24 Director, employee or representative of the Commission in any civil
25 action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or
26 alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of
27 Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the
28 person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for
29 believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment,



1 duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be
2 construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own
3 counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act,
4 error or omission did not result from that person's intentional or
5 willful or wanton misconduct.

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

16 ARTICLE XI

17 RULEMAKING

18 A. The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers
19 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Article and the Rules
20 adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of
21 the date specified in each rule or amendment.

22 B. If a majority of the legislatures of the Compact States
23 rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same
24 manner used to adopt the Compact, then such rule shall have no
25 further force and effect in any Compact State.

26 C. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a
27 regular or special meeting of the Commission.

28 D. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or Rules
29 by the Commission, and at least sixty (60) days in advance of the



1 meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the
2 Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

3 1. On the website of the Commission; and

4 2. On the website of each Compact States' Psychology
5 Regulatory Authority or the publication in which each state would
6 otherwise publish proposed rules.

7 E. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

8 1. The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in
9 which the rule will be considered and voted upon;

10 2. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason
11 for the proposed rule;

12 3. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any
13 interested person; and

14 4. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to
15 the Commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and
16 any written comments.

17 F. Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission shall
18 allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and
19 arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

20 G. The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public
21 hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is
22 requested by:

23 1. At least twenty-five (25) persons who submit comments
24 independently of each other;

25 2. A governmental subdivision or agency; or

26 3. A duly appointed person in an association that has at least
27 twenty-five (25) members.

28 H. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the
29 Commission shall publish the place, time, and date of the scheduled



1 public hearing.

2 1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify
3 the Executive Director of the Commission or other designated member
4 in writing of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing not
5 less than five (5) business days before the scheduled date of the
6 hearing.

7 2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each
8 person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to
9 comment orally or in writing.

10 3. No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a written
11 request for a transcript is made, in which case the person
12 requesting the transcript shall bear the cost of producing the
13 transcript. A recording may be made in lieu of a transcript under
14 the same terms and conditions as a transcript. This subsection
15 shall not preclude the Commission from making a transcript or
16 recording of the hearing if it so chooses.

17 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a
18 separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the
19 convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this section.

20 I. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of
21 business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held,
22 the Commission shall consider all written and oral comments
23 received.

24 J. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take
25 final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective
26 date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the
27 full text of the rule.

28 K. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing
29 by interested parties is received, the Commission may proceed with



1 promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.

2 L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission
3 may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice,
4 opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that the usual
5 rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in this section
6 shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably
7 possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the
8 effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an
9 emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

10 1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
11 welfare;

12 2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Compact State funds;

13 3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative
14 rule that is established by federal law or rule; or

15 4. Protect public health and safety.

16 M. The Commission or an authorized committee of the Commission
17 may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for
18 purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format,
19 errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any
20 revisions shall be posted on the website of the Commission. The
21 revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period
22 of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged
23 only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a
24 rule. A challenge shall be made in writing, and delivered to the
25 Chair of the Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If
26 no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further
27 action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take
28 effect without the approval of the Commission.

29 ARTICLE XII



OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

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

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

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

B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

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

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

b. Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. If a state in default fails to remedy the default, the defaulting state may be terminated from the Compact upon an



1 affirmative vote of a majority of the Compact States, and all
2 rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this Compact shall be
3 terminated on the effective date of termination. A remedy of the
4 default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or
5 liabilities incurred during the period of default.

6 3. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be imposed
7 only after all other means of securing compliance have been
8 exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be
9 submitted by the Commission to the Governor, the majority and
10 minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each of
11 the Compact States.

12 4. A Compact State which has been terminated is responsible
13 for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through
14 the effective date of termination, including obligations which
15 extend beyond the effective date of termination.

16 5. The Commission shall not bear any costs incurred by the
17 state which is found to be in default or which has been terminated
18 from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the
19 Commission and the defaulting state.

20 6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the
21 Commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the
22 State of Georgia or the federal district where the Compact has its
23 principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all costs
24 of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

25 C. Dispute Resolution

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

29 2. The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both



1 mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes that arise
2 before the commission.

3 D. Enforcement

4 1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its
5 discretion, shall enforce the provisions and Rules of this Compact.

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

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

18 ARTICLE XIII

19 DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL
20 COMPACT COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENTS

21 A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the
22 Compact is enacted into law in the seventh Compact State. The
23 provisions which become effective at that time shall be limited to
24 the powers granted to the Commission relating to assembly and the
25 promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the Commission shall meet and
26 exercise rulemaking powers necessary to the implementation and
27 administration of the Compact.

28 B. Any state which joins the Compact subsequent to the
29 Commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to the



1 rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes law in
2 that state. Any rule which has been previously adopted by the
3 Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day
4 the Compact becomes law in that state.

5 C. Any Compact State may withdraw from this Compact by
6 enacting a statute repealing the same.

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

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

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

17 E. This Compact may be amended by the Compact States. No
18 amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding upon
19 any Compact State until it is enacted into the law of all Compact
20 States.

21 ARTICLE XIV

22 CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

23 This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate
24 the purposes thereof. If this Compact shall be held contrary to the
25 constitution of any state member thereto, the Compact shall remain
26 in full force and effect as to the remaining Compact States.

27 (2) If a portion of the psychology interjurisdictional compact
28 or application thereof is found invalid by a court for violating
29 the constitution of this state, the portion is severable in the



1 same manner as provided in section 5 of 1846 RS 1, MCL 8.5.

2 (3) Subsection (1) shall be known as the "psychology
3 interjurisdictional compact".

4 Sec. 18201. (1) As used in this part:

5 (a) "Psychologist" means an individual **who is** licensed **or**
6 **authorized** under this article to engage in the practice of
7 psychology.

8 (b) "Practice of psychology" means the rendering to
9 individuals, groups, organizations, or the public of services
10 involving the application of principles, methods, and procedures of
11 understanding, predicting, and influencing behavior for the
12 purposes of the diagnosis, assessment related to diagnosis,
13 prevention, amelioration, or treatment of mental or emotional
14 disorders, disabilities or behavioral adjustment problems by means
15 of psychotherapy, counseling, behavior modification, hypnosis,
16 biofeedback techniques, psychological tests, or other verbal or
17 behavioral means. The practice of psychology ~~shall~~**does** not include
18 the practice of medicine such as prescribing drugs, performing
19 surgery, or administering electro-convulsive therapy.

20 (2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1
21 contains general definitions and principles of construction
22 applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains
23 definitions applicable to this part.

24 **Sec. 18211a. (1) A psychologist who has temporary**
25 **authorization to practice under the psychology interjurisdictional**
26 **compact or is authorized to practice interjurisdictional**
27 **telepsychology under the psychology interjurisdictional compact is**
28 **authorized to engage in the practice of psychology under this**
29 **article.**



1 (2) For purposes of this article, including the obligations of
2 an individual who is licensed as a psychologist under this part, a
3 psychologist who has temporary authorization to practice under the
4 psychology interjurisdictional compact or is authorized to practice
5 interjurisdictional telepsychology under the psychology
6 interjurisdictional compact is considered a psychologist who is
7 licensed under this part.

8 (3) As used in this section, "psychology interjurisdictional
9 compact" means the psychology interjurisdictional compact as
10 enacted in section 16187.