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**Physical Therapy Licensure
Compact**

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The act ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (compact), which allows a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed in one member state to obtain a “compact privilege” to practice in a remote state without obtaining a license in that remote state.

In addition to creating a process for licensees to obtain a compact privilege, the act does all of the following:

- Enters Wisconsin into the Physical Therapy Compact Commission, which includes one member of the licensure boards of each member state. The commission has various powers and duties granted in the compact, including overseeing the administration of the compact, enforcing the compact, adopting bylaws, promulgating binding rules for the compact, employing an executive director and employees, and establishing and electing an executive board.
- Allows member licensure boards to conduct joint investigations of licensees and the ability of member states to issue subpoenas that are enforceable in other states.
- Creates a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states. A member state must submit a uniform data set to the data system on all individuals to whom this compact is applicable as required by the rules of the commission.
- Provides that applicants for a physical therapy or physical therapy assistant license and certain other compact licensees must submit to be photographed and fingerprinted, and that fingerprint cards must be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of verifying the identity of the persons fingerprinted and obtaining records of their criminal arrests and convictions.
- Provides for dispute resolution, including a process for termination of a state’s membership in the compact if the state defaults on its obligations under the compact.
- Provides that the compact may be amended upon enactment of an amendment by all member states.
- Permits a state to withdraw from the compact by repealing the statute authorizing the compact, except that the compact provides that a withdrawal does not take effect until six months after the effective date of that repeal.

Effective date: February 7, 2020

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