



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 253

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 253

The bill ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, a multi-state agreement that creates a streamlined process for physicians to become licensed in multiple states. The Compact creates a process by which a physician who is licensed in one state may become licensed in one or more other states without having to verify “static qualifications” in each state. These are qualifications that do not change over time, such as medical education, graduate medical education, and results of medical or licensing examinations. States typically require primary source verification of these qualifications. Under the Compact, after a physician’s primary state of licensure has verified the qualifications, and certain additional criteria have been met, other member states may rely on the primary state’s verification when issuing a license to the physician.

The Compact’s process to allow licensing in multiple states is referred to as the expedited licensing process. A license issued through the expedited process is valid for a period consistent with the licensure period in the member state and in the same manner as required for other physicians holding a full and unrestricted license within the member state. Expedited licensing is administered by the Interstate Commission, which is made up of two members from the medical examining board of each member state.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 253

The amendment makes three changes to the bill. First, it provides that the members of the Medical Examining Board (MEB) who are appointed to serve on the Interstate Commission will require confirmation by the Senate. Second, it adds a sunset provision to the bill, such that the state’s participation in the Compact will terminate five years following the bill’s effective date. Third, the amendment includes an additional reporting provision directing MEB to

provide information regarding rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission to the Joint Committee on Finance.

BILL HISTORY

On September 24, 2015, the bill was passed by the Assembly on a vote of Ayes, 95; Noes, 1. The amendment was offered by Senator Vukmir on November 4, 2015. A day later, adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, were recommended by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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