



# Legislative Fact Sheet April 2017

## Enact Physical Therapy Licensure Compact HB 57

The **ENACT PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT, HB 57**, bill will improve access to Physical Therapy services and allow military spouses and Physical Therapists from other Compact states to have their licenses mutually recognized by North Carolina. HB 57 will preserve state's rights for accountability to practice standards while promoting licensure portability and enhance cross state health networks.

**STATUS: HB 57**, which is sponsored by **Rep. John Szoka, Representative Grier Martin, and Representative Holly Grange**, was **unanimously passed** by the North Carolina House of Representatives on February 27. HB 57 is now sitting in the Senate Rules Committee. Please urge the Senate Rules Committee to refer HB 57 out of committee.

Eight states have passed the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact – Arizona, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee, Montana, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Kentucky. The first 10 states to enact the Licensure Compact will form the Compact Commission. NCPTA is working hard to make North Carolina one of the 1<sup>st</sup> ten states to pass the Compact legislation in order to serve on the Compact Commission.

### **THIS IS NOT A SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUE**

#### **The purpose of the House Bill 57 is to:**

- Support military members and relocating military spouses;
- Enhance the ability to protect public health and safety;
- Enhance exchange of licensure, investigative and disciplinary information;
- Preserve state's rights for accountability to practice standard while promoting licensure portability; and
- Enhance cross state health networks.

#### **Physical Therapy Licensure Compact is Supported By:**

- North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
- North Carolina Physical Therapy Association
- American Physical Therapy Association
- Council of State Governments
- Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
- Federation of State Medical Boards
- National Military Family Association

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## **1. State Participation in The Physical Therapy Compact Requirements**

- a. Participate fully in the Compact Commission's data system
- b. Have system in place for complaint investigations and to notify Commission
- c. Fully implement criminal background check requirements
- d. Continue to recognize National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) as a requirement for licensure
- e. Have continuing competence requirements as a condition for license renewal

## **2. Physical Therapy Compact Privilege (to legally practice PT in a remote state)**

- a. Hold a license in the home state
- b. Have no encumbrance on any state license
- c. Have no adverse actions against any license or compact privilege within the previous 2 years
- d. Meet jurisprudence requirements in remote state(s)
- e. Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for compact privilege
- f. Report to the Compact Commission (within 30 days) of any adverse action taken by any non-member state
- g. Compact privilege is valid until the expiration date of the home license
- h. The licensee providing PT services in a remote state functions within the laws and regulations of the remote state and is subject to that state's regulatory authority

## **3. Adverse Actions**

- a. **The home state:**
  - i. shall have EXCLUSIVE power to impose adverse action against a license issued by the home state
- b. **The remote state:**
  - i. Can take adverse actions against a licensee's compact privilege in that state
  - ii. Member states may participate with other member states in joint investigations of licensees

## **4. Compact Data System**

- a. Uniform data set includes:
  - i. Identifying information
  - ii. Licensure data
  - iii. Adverse actions against a license or compact privilege
  - iv. Non-confidential information about alternative program participation
  - v. Any denial of application for licensure

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