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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMPACT

Introduced By: Representatives Hopkins, Paplauskas, Serpa, Bennett, Shanley, Casey,  
Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, and Cotter

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-91 of the General Laws entitled "Interstate Medical Licensure  
2 Compact" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-91-26. Implementation.**

4 This chapter shall be implemented and the state is hereby directed to complete all necessary  
5 membership requirements no later than July 1, 2025.

6 SECTION 2. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby  
7 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

8 CHAPTER 104

9 TELEMEDICINE AND OUT-OF-STATE MEDICINE

10 **23-104-1. Telemedicine and out-of-state medicine.**

11 (a) All in-state residents shall have access to telemedicine in accordance with chapter 81  
12 of title 27.

13 (b) Patients may receive telemedicine services, including services from out-of-state  
14 providers pursuant to chapter 91 of title 5 ("interstate medical licensure compact").

15 (c) Prior to providing services under this chapter, any out-of-state medical provider shall  
16 register with the department of health.

17 (d) The department of health and the office of health insurance commissioner shall  
18 implement rules and regulations, as necessary, to carry out the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no  
2 later than July 1, 2025. This act would further restore access to telemedicine for all Rhode Island  
3 residents and allow treatment by out-of-state providers who register with the department of health.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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