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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N   A C T**

**RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMPACT**

Introduced By: Representatives Hopkins, J. Brien, Casimiro, Shanley, Perez, Nardone, Fascia, Read, Tanzi, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

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, 2026.

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) The department of health and the office of health insurance commissioner shall  
16                   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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- 1        This act would require the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no
- 2        later than July 1, 2026.
- 3        This act would take effect upon passage.

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