



STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

TO: Members of the House Committees on Ways & Means and Health Care
FROM: Nolan Langweil, JFO
DATE: Updated 3/20/23
RE: Fiscal Impact of pending Interstate Compact legislation

The purpose of this memo is to summarize the fiscal impacts of three pending House bills regarding interstate compacts. They are:

- H.62 – An act relating to the Interstate Counseling Compact
- H.77 – An act relating to Vermont’s adoption of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact
- H.86 – An act relating to Vermont’s adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact
- H.282 – An act relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Each of these bills would result in reduced revenues from the loss of license and application fees from out-of-state applicants from compact states totaling an estimated \$122,625 during the first two years of the compacts. To the extent more states sign onto these compacts, potential revenue losses would increase.

Bill #	Profession	Est. Out-of-state Applicants # ¹	Current Fee (When paid)	Est. Revenue Loss ²		Est. Revenue w/ \$50 fee
				FY 2024	FY 2025	
H.62	Mental Health Counselors	254	\$200 (Odd Years)		\$54,800	\$12,700
H.77	Physical Therapists & Physical Therapist Assistants	212	\$150 (Even Years)	\$32,800		\$10,600
H.86	Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists	70	\$240 (Even Years)	\$17,200		\$3,500
282	Psychologists	106	\$150 (Even Years)	\$17,825		-----
743				\$67,825	\$54,800	\$26,800

Est. FY 24 & 25 Impact = \$122,625

¹ Based on the current number of Vermont licensees from States that have signed onto compact

² Licenses are renewed on 2-year cycles.

In addition to the commission fees each compact charges applicants to participate, most compacts also allow states to charge compact privilege fees to practice in that state. The amount states charge for privilege fees for each compact vary from state to state. For instance, under the PT Compact, privilege fees range from \$0 (Arizona and South Carolina) to \$150 (Mississippi) with the median and mode being \$50. The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact does not allow for privilege fees. H.62, H.77, and H.86 as passed by the House, would all charge \$50 privilege fees which are estimated to offset revenue losses by \$26,800.

Finally, there will be additional staff and/or IT resources needed to accommodate this change. While current state applications are done online, OPR will need to process compact applications manually, requiring significantly more staff time. OPR's license platform could automate compact applications by building a compact-specific portal, but that would require additional financial resources.