



Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

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Vermont Senate
Vermont General Assembly
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RE: Written testimony regarding S.253

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a comment regarding the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). The IMLC is still in the early phases of its development, but the proof of concept has been clearly and decisively demonstrated. The next phase in the organization's development, which will be accomplished by the member states, involves developing, then implementing strong and fair administrative rules and policies.

The IMLC does not take a position regarding the implementation decision by a state. It is important that each state's legislative body determine the most appropriate method to provide licensure options for the physicians practicing in their state.

The IMLC's legal status becomes effective when the compact legislation is enacted. The IMLC is classified as a discretionary state function and becomes an affiliate of a government unit. IRS rules establish the IMLC's tax status as a 'state instrumentality'. The IMLC currently has 22 member states and each member state appoints two voting members to serve on the IMLC governing board. The governing board is served by 2 staff members, an executive director and a project manager.

The IMLC is a successful interstate agreement that relies on open communication and decision making. All commission and committee meetings are open to the public. The backbone of the organization is its strong committee system, which is used to make decisions about direction and goals. The core standing committees are: Audit, Budget, Bylaws & Rules, Communication, Executive, Personnel, and Technology.

The IMLC processed the first applications in April 2017 and as of January 31, 2018 has processed 633 applications which resulted in 878 licenses being issued. The average number of applications processed per month is 85, with the average number of licenses issued per month is 132.

Information regarding the IMLC can be found at www.imlcc.org. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or answer any questions.

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