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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT  
(PSYPACT).

Whereas, states license psychologists, in order to protect the public through verification of education, training, and experience and ensure accountability for professional practice; and

Whereas, this Compact is intended to regulate the day-to-day practice of telepsychology (i.e., the provision of psychological services using telecommunication technologies) by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate authority; and

Whereas, this Compact is intended to regulate the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries for 30 days within a calendar year in the performance of their psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate authority; and

Whereas, this Compact is intended to authorize State Psychology Regulatory Authorities to afford legal recognition, in a manner consistent with the terms of the Compact, to psychologists licensed in another state; and

Whereas, this Compact recognizes that states have a vested interest in protecting the public's health and safety through their licensing and regulation of psychologists and that such state regulation will best protect public health and safety; and

Whereas, this Compact does not apply when a psychologist is licensed in both the Home and Receiving States; and

Whereas, this Compact does not apply to permanent in-person, face-to-face practice, it does allow for authorization of temporary psychological practice; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 18A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, G.S. 90-270.1 through G.S. 90-270.22, is recodified as Article 18G of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, G.S. 90-270.135 through G.S. 90-270.159.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 18H.

"Psychology Interjurisdictional Licensure Compact.

**"§ 90-270.160. Purpose.**

This Compact is designed to achieve the following purposes and objectives:



- 1           (1)    Increase public access to professional psychological services by allowing for  
2           telepsychological practice across state lines as well as temporary in-person,  
3           face-to-face services into a state which the psychologist is not licensed to  
4           practice psychology.
- 5           (2)    Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety, especially  
6           client/patient safety.
- 7           (3)    Encourage the cooperation of Compact States in the areas of psychology  
8           licensure and regulation.
- 9           (4)    Facilitate the exchange of information between Compact States regarding  
10          psychologist licensure, adverse actions, and disciplinary history.
- 11          (5)    Promote compliance with the laws governing psychological practice in each  
12          Compact State.
- 13          (6)    Invest all Compact States with the authority to hold licensed psychologists  
14          accountable through the mutual recognition of Compact State licenses.

15    **"§ 90-270.161. Definitions.**

- 16          (1)    Adverse action. – Any action taken by a State Psychology Regulatory  
17          Authority which finds a violation of a statute or regulation that is identified  
18          by the State Psychology Regulatory Authority as discipline and is a matter of  
19          public record.
- 20          (2)    Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). – The  
21          recognized membership organization composed of State and Provincial  
22          Psychology Regulatory Authorities responsible for the licensure and  
23          registration of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada.
- 24          (3)    Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology. – A licensed  
25          psychologist's authority to practice telepsychology, within the limits  
26          authorized under this Compact, in another Compact State.
- 27          (4)    Bylaws. – Those Bylaws established by the Psychology Interjurisdictional  
28          Compact Commission pursuant to G.S. 90-270.169 for its governance, or for  
29          directing and controlling its actions and conduct.
- 30          (5)    Client/patient. – The recipient of psychological services, whether  
31          psychological services are delivered in the context of health care, corporate,  
32          supervision, and/or consulting services.
- 33          (6)    Commissioner. – The voting representative appointed by each State  
34          Psychology Regulatory Authority pursuant to G.S. 90-270.169.
- 35          (7)    Compact State. – A state, the District of Columbia, or United States territory  
36          that has enacted this Compact legislation and which has not withdrawn  
37          pursuant to G.S. 90-270.172(c), or been terminated pursuant to  
38          G.S. 90-270.171(b).
- 39          (8)    Coordinated Licensure Information System or Coordinated Database. – An  
40          integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on  
41          psychologists' licensure and enforcement activities related to psychology  
42          licensure laws, which is administered by the recognized membership  
43          organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory  
44          Authorities.
- 45          (9)    Confidentiality. – The principle that data or information is not made available  
46          or disclosed to unauthorized persons and/or processes.
- 47          (10)   Day. – Any part of a day in which psychological work is performed.
- 48          (11)   Distant State. – The Compact State where a psychologist is physically present  
49          (not through the use of telecommunications technologies), to provide  
50          temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological services.

- 1           (12) E.Passport. – A certificate issued by the Association of State and Provincial  
2 Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that promotes the standardization in the criteria  
3 of interjurisdictional telepsychology practice and facilitates the process for  
4 licensed psychologists to provide telepsychological services across state lines.  
5           (13) Executive Board. – A group of directors elected or appointed to act on behalf  
6 of, and within the powers granted to them by, the Commission.  
7           (14) Home State. – A Compact State where a psychologist is licensed to practice  
8 psychology. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State  
9 and is practicing under the Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional  
10 Telepsychology, the Home State is the Compact State where the psychologist  
11 is physically present when the telepsychological services are delivered. If the  
12 psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State and is practicing  
13 under the Temporary Authorization to Practice, the Home State is any  
14 Compact State where the psychologist is licensed.  
15           (15) Identity History Summary. – A summary of information retained by the FBI,  
16 or other designee with similar authority, in connection with arrests and, in  
17 some instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military service.  
18           (16) In-person, face-to-face. – Interactions in which the psychologist and the  
19 client/patient are in the same physical space and which does not include  
20 interactions that may occur through the use of telecommunication  
21 technologies.  
22           (17) Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC). – A certificate issued by the  
23 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) that grants  
24 temporary authority to practice based on notification to the State Psychology  
25 Regulatory Authority of intention to practice temporarily and verification of  
26 one's qualifications for such practice.  
27           (18) License. – Authorization by a State Psychology Regulatory Authority to  
28 engage in the independent practice of psychology, which would be unlawful  
29 without the authorization.  
30           (19) Non-Compact State. – Any State which is not at the time a Compact State.  
31           (20) Psychologist. – An individual licensed for the independent practice of  
32 psychology.  
33           (21) Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission (Commission). – The  
34 national administration of which all Compact States are members.  
35           (22) Receiving State. – A Compact State where the client/patient is physically  
36 located when the telepsychological services are delivered.  
37           (23) Rule. – A written statement by the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact  
38 Commission promulgated pursuant to G.S. 90-270.170 of the Compact that is  
39 of general applicability, implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or  
40 provision of the Compact, or an organizational, procedural, or practice  
41 requirement of the Commission and has the force and effect of statutory law  
42 in a Compact State, and includes the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an  
43 existing rule.  
44           (24) Significant investigatory information. –  
45           a. Investigative information that a State Psychology Regulatory  
46 Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an  
47 opportunity to respond if required by state law, has reason to believe,  
48 if proven true, would indicate more than a violation of state statute or  
49 ethics code that would be considered more substantial than minor  
50 infraction; or

1                    b. Investigative information that indicates that the psychologist  
2                    represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless  
3                    of whether the psychologist has been notified and/or had an  
4                    opportunity to respond.

5                    (25) State. – A state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States,  
6                    the District of Columbia.

7                    (26) State Psychology Regulatory Authority. – The Board, office or other agency  
8                    with the legislative mandate to license and regulate the practice of psychology.

9                    (27) Telepsychology. – The provision of psychological services using  
10                    telecommunication technologies.

11                    (28) Temporary Authorization to Practice. – A licensed psychologist's authority to  
12                    conduct temporary in-person, face-to-face practice, within the limits  
13                    authorized under this Compact, in another Compact State.

14                    (29) Temporary in-person, face-to-face practice. – Where a psychologist is  
15                    physically present (not through the use of telecommunications technologies),  
16                    in the Distant State to provide for the practice of psychology for 30 days within  
17                    a calendar year and based on notification to the Distant State.

18 **"§ 90-270.162. Home State Licensure.**

19                    (a) The Home State shall be a Compact State where a psychologist is licensed to practice  
20                    psychology.

21                    (b) A psychologist may hold one or more Compact State licenses at a time. If the  
22                    psychologist is licensed in more than one Compact State, the Home State is the Compact State  
23                    where the psychologist is physically present when the services are delivered as authorized by the  
24                    Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the terms of this Compact.

25                    (c) Any Compact State may require a psychologist not previously licensed in a Compact  
26                    State to obtain and retain a license to be authorized to practice in the Compact State under  
27                    circumstances not authorized by the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology  
28                    under the terms of this Compact.

29                    (d) Any Compact State may require a psychologist to obtain and retain a license to be  
30                    authorized to practice in a Compact State under circumstances not authorized by Temporary  
31                    Authorization to Practice under the terms of this Compact.

32                    (e) A Home State's license authorizes a psychologist to practice in a Receiving State  
33                    under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only if the Compact State:

34                    (1) Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active E.Passport;

35                    (2) Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about  
36                    licensed individuals;

37                    (3) Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms herein, of any adverse  
38                    action or significant investigatory information regarding a licensed individual;

39                    (4) Requires an Identity History Summary of all applicants at initial licensure,  
40                    including the use of the results of fingerprints or other biometric data checks  
41                    compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI),  
42                    or other designee with similar authority, no later than 10 years after activation  
43                    of the Compact; and

44                    (5) Complies with the Bylaws and Rules of the Commission.

45                    (f) A Home State's license grants Temporary Authorization to Practice to a psychologist  
46                    in a Distant State only if the Compact State:

47                    (1) Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active IPC;

48                    (2) Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about  
49                    licensed individuals;

50                    (3) Notifies the Commission, in compliance with the terms herein, of any adverse  
51                    action or significant investigatory information regarding a licensed individual;

1           (4)   Requires an Identity History Summary of all applicants at initial licensure,  
2           including the use of the results of fingerprints or other biometric data checks  
3           compliant with the requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI),  
4           or other designee with similar authority, no later than 10 years after activation  
5           of the Compact; and

6           (5)   Complies with the Bylaws and Rules of the Commission.

7   **"§ 90-270.163. Compact Privilege to Practice Telepsychology.**

8           (a)   Compact States shall recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed in a Compact  
9           State in conformance with G.S. 90-270.162, to practice telepsychology in other Compact States  
10           (Receiving States) in which the psychologist is not licensed, under the Authority to Practice  
11           Interjurisdictional Telepsychology as provided in the Compact.

12           (b)   To exercise the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology under the  
13           terms and provisions of this Compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a Compact State  
14           must:

15           (1)   Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institute of higher education  
16           that was, at the time the degree was awarded:

17           a.   Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S.  
18           Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, or authorized by  
19           Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees; or

20           b.   A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to  
21           sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision by a foreign credential  
22           evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of  
23           Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or by a recognized foreign  
24           credential evaluation service; and

25           (2)   Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the following criteria:

26           a.   The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be  
27           clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such a  
28           program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and  
29           brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;

30           b.   The psychology program must stand as a recognizable, coherent,  
31           organizational entity within the institution;

32           c.   There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core  
33           and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across  
34           administrative lines;

35           d.   The program must consist of an integrated, organized sequence of  
36           study;

37           e.   There must be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size and  
38           breadth to carry out its responsibilities;

39           f.   The designated director of the program must be a psychologist and a  
40           member of the core faculty;

41           g.   The program must have an identifiable body of students who are  
42           matriculated in that program for a degree;

43           h.   The program must include supervised practicum, internship, or field  
44           training appropriate to the practice of psychology;

45           i.   The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years  
46           of full-time graduate study for doctoral degree and a minimum of one  
47           academic year of full-time graduate study for master's degree;

48           j.   The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by the Rules  
49           of the Commission.

50           (3)   Possess a current, full, and unrestricted license to practice psychology in a  
51           Home State which is a Compact State;

- 1           (4)    Have no history of adverse action that violate the Rules of the Commission;
- 2           (5)    Have no criminal record history reported on an Identity History Summary that
- 3               violates the Rules of the Commission;
- 4           (6)    Possess a current, active E.Passport;
- 5           (7)    Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended practice, conformity with
- 6               standards of practice, competence in telepsychology technology; criminal
- 7               background; and knowledge and adherence to legal requirements in the home
- 8               and receiving states, and provide a release of information to allow for primary
- 9               source verification in a manner specified by the Commission; and
- 10          (8)    Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the Commission.

11          (c)    The Home State maintains authority over the license of any psychologist practicing  
12 into a Receiving State under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

13          (d)    A psychologist practicing into a Receiving State under the Authority to Practice  
14 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology will be subject to the Receiving State's scope of practice. A  
15 Receiving State may, in accordance with that state's due process law, limit or revoke a  
16 psychologist's Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in the Receiving State  
17 and may take any other necessary actions under the Receiving State's applicable law to protect  
18 the health and safety of the Receiving State's citizens. If a Receiving State takes action, the state  
19 shall promptly notify the Home State and the Commission.

20          (e)    If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another Compact State, or any Authority  
21 to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in any Receiving State is restricted, suspended, or  
22 otherwise limited, the E.Passport shall be revoked and, therefore, the psychologist shall not be  
23 eligible to practice telepsychology in a Compact State under the Authority to Practice  
24 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology.

25 **"§ 90-270.164. Compact Temporary Authorization to Practice.**

26          (a)    Compact States shall also recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed in a Compact  
27 State in conformance with G.S. 90-270.162, to practice temporarily in other Compact States  
28 (Distant States) in which the psychologist is not licensed, as provided in the Compact.

29          (b)    To exercise the Temporary Authorization to Practice under the terms and provisions  
30 of this Compact, a psychologist licensed to practice in a Compact State must:

- 31           (1)    Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institute of higher education  
32               that was, at the time the degree was awarded:
  - 33               a.    Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S.  
34                    Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, or authorized by  
35                    Provincial Statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees; or
  - 36               b.    A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to  
37                    sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision by a foreign credential  
38                    evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of  
39                    Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or by a recognized foreign  
40                    credential evaluation service; and
- 41           (2)    Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the following criteria:
  - 42               a.    The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be  
43                    clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such a  
44                    program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and  
45                    brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;
  - 46               b.    The psychology program must stand as a recognizable, coherent,  
47                    organizational entity within the institution;
  - 48               c.    There must be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core  
49                    and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across  
50                    administrative lines;

- 1           d.     The program must consist of an integrated, organized sequence of  
2                 study;
- 3           e.     There must be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size and  
4                 breadth to carry out its responsibilities;
- 5           f.     The designated director of the program must be a psychologist and a  
6                 member of the core faculty;
- 7           g.     The program must have an identifiable body of students who are  
8                 matriculated in that program for a degree;
- 9           h.     The program must include supervised practicum, internship, or field  
10                training appropriate to the practice of psychology;
- 11          i.     The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years  
12                of full-time graduate study for doctoral degrees and a minimum of one  
13                academic year of full-time graduate study for master's degree;
- 14          j.     The program includes an acceptable residency as defined by the Rules  
15                of the Commission.

16          (3)    Possess a current, full, and unrestricted license to practice psychology in a  
17                Home State which is a Compact State;

18          (4)    No history of adverse action that violate the Rules of the Commission;

19          (5)    No criminal record history that violates the Rules of the Commission;

20          (6)    Possess a current, active IPC;

21          (7)    Provide attestations in regard to areas of intended practice and work  
22                experience and provide a release of information to allow for primary source  
23                verification in a manner specified by the Commission; and

24          (8)    Meet other criteria as defined by the Rules of the Commission.

25          (c)    A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under the Temporary Authorization to  
26                Practice shall practice within the scope of practice authorized by the Distant State.

27          (d)    A psychologist practicing into a Distant State under the Temporary Authorization to  
28                Practice will be subject to the Distant State's authority and law. A Distant State may, in  
29                accordance with that state's due process law, limit or revoke a psychologist's Temporary  
30                Authorization to Practice in the Distant State and may take any other necessary actions under the  
31                Distant State's applicable law to protect the health and safety of the Distant State's citizens. If a  
32                Distant State takes action, the state shall promptly notify the Home State and the Commission.

33          (e)    If a psychologist's license in any Home State, another Compact State, or any  
34                Temporary Authorization to Practice in any Distant State is restricted, suspended, or otherwise  
35                limited, the IPC shall be revoked and therefore the psychologist shall not be eligible to practice  
36                in a Compact State under the Temporary Authorization to Practice.

37          **"§ 90-270.165. Conditions of telepsychology practice in a Receiving State.**

38          A psychologist may practice in a Receiving State under the Authority to Practice  
39                Interjurisdictional Telepsychology only in the performance of the scope of practice for  
40                psychology as assigned by an appropriate State Psychology Regulatory Authority, as defined in  
41                the Rules of the Commission, and under the following circumstances:

42                (1)    The psychologist initiates a client/patient contact in a Home State via  
43                        telecommunications technologies with a client/patient in a Receiving State.

44                (2)    Other conditions regarding telepsychology as determined by Rules  
45                        promulgated by the Commission.

46          **"§ 90-270.166. Adverse actions.**

47          (a)    A Home State shall have the power to impose adverse action against a psychologist's  
48                license issued by the Home State. A Distant State shall have the power to take adverse action on  
49                a psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice within that Distant State.

50          (b)    A Receiving State may take adverse action on a psychologist's Authority to Practice  
51                Interjurisdictional Telepsychology within that Receiving State. A Home State may take adverse

1 action against a psychologist based on an adverse action taken by a Distant State regarding  
2 temporary in-person, face-to-face practice.

3 (c) If a Home State takes adverse action against a psychologist's license, that  
4 psychologist's Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology is terminated and the  
5 E.Passport is revoked. Furthermore, that psychologist's Temporary Authorization to Practice is  
6 terminated and the IPC is revoked.

7 (1) All Home State disciplinary orders which impose adverse action shall be  
8 reported to the Commission in accordance with the Rules promulgated by the  
9 Commission. A Compact State shall report adverse actions in accordance with  
10 the Rules of the Commission.

11 (2) In the event discipline is reported on a psychologist, the psychologist will not  
12 be eligible for telepsychology or temporary in-person, face-to-face practice in  
13 accordance with the Rules of the Commission.

14 (3) Other actions may be imposed as determined by the Rules promulgated by the  
15 Commission.

16 (d) A Home State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall investigate and take  
17 appropriate action with respect to reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a licensee which  
18 occurred in a Receiving State as it would if such conduct had occurred by a licensee within the  
19 Home State. In such cases, the Home State's law shall control in determining any adverse action  
20 against a psychologist's license.

21 (e) A Distant State's Psychology Regulatory Authority shall investigate and take  
22 appropriate action with respect to reported inappropriate conduct engaged in by a psychologist  
23 practicing under Temporary Authorization Practice which occurred in that Distant State as it  
24 would if such conduct had occurred by a licensee within the Home State. In such cases, Distant  
25 State's law shall control in determining any adverse action against a psychologist's Temporary  
26 Authorization to Practice.

27 (f) Nothing in this Compact shall override a Compact State's decision that a  
28 psychologist's participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action and  
29 that such participation shall remain non-public if required by the Compact State's law. Compact  
30 States must require psychologists who enter any alternative programs to not provide  
31 telepsychology services under the Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology or  
32 provide temporary psychological services under the Temporary Authorization to Practice in any  
33 other Compact State during the term of the alternative program.

34 (g) No other judicial or administrative remedies shall be available to a psychologist in the  
35 event a Compact State imposes an adverse action pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

36 **"§ 90-270.167. Additional authorities invested in a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory**  
37 **Authority.**

38 In addition to any other powers granted under state law, a Compact State's Psychology  
39 Regulatory Authority shall have the authority under this Compact to:

40 (1) Issue subpoenas, for both hearings and investigations, which require the  
41 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence.  
42 Subpoenas issued by a Compact State's Psychology Regulatory Authority for  
43 the attendance and testimony of witnesses and/or the production of evidence  
44 from another Compact State shall be enforced in the latter state by any court  
45 of competent jurisdiction, according to that court's practice and procedure in  
46 considering subpoenas issued in its own proceedings. The issuing State  
47 Psychology Regulatory Authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses,  
48 mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the state where the  
49 witnesses and/or evidence are located.



1           (2)    Issue cease and desist and/or injunctive relief orders to revoke a psychologist's  
2           Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary  
3           Authorization to Practice.

4           (3)    During the course of any investigation, a psychologist may not change his/her  
5           Home State licensure. A Home State Psychology Regulatory Authority is  
6           authorized to complete any pending investigations of a psychologist and to  
7           take any actions appropriate under its law. The Home State Psychology  
8           Regulatory Authority shall promptly report the conclusions of such  
9           investigations to the Commission. Once an investigation has been completed,  
10          and pending the outcome of said investigation, the psychologist may change  
11          his/her Home State licensure. The Commission shall promptly notify the new  
12          Home State of any such decisions as provided in the Rules of the Commission.  
13          All information provided to the Commission or distributed by Compact States  
14          pursuant to the psychologist shall be confidential, filed under seal, and used  
15          for investigatory or disciplinary matters. The Commission may create  
16          additional rules for mandated or discretionary sharing of information by  
17          Compact States.

18    **"§ 90-270.168. Coordinated Licensure Information System.**

19          (a)    The Commission shall provide for the development and maintenance of a Coordinated  
20          Licensure Information System (Coordinated Database) and reporting system containing licensure  
21          and disciplinary action information on all psychologists individuals to whom this Compact is  
22          applicable in all Compact States as defined by the Rules of the Commission.

23          (b)    Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a Compact State  
24          shall submit a uniform data set to the Coordinated Database on all licensees as required by the  
25          Rules of the Commission, including:

26               (1)    Identifying information;

27               (2)    Licensure data;

28               (3)    Significant investigatory information;

29               (4)    Adverse actions against a psychologist's license;

30               (5)    An indicator that a psychologist's Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional  
31               Telepsychology and/or Temporary Authorization to Practice is revoked;

32               (6)    Non-confidential information related to alternative program participation  
33               information;

34               (7)    Any denial of application for licensure and the reasons for such denial; and

35               (8)    Other information which may facilitate the administration of this Compact, as  
36               determined by the Rules of the Commission.

37          (c)    The Coordinated Database administrator shall promptly notify all Compact States of  
38          any adverse action taken against, or significant investigative information on, any licensee in a  
39          Compact State.

40          (d)    Compact States reporting information to the Coordinated Database may designate  
41          information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the  
42          Compact State reporting the information.

43          (e)    Any information submitted to the Coordinated Database that is subsequently required  
44          to be expunged by the law of the Compact State reporting the information shall be removed from  
45          the Coordinated Database.

46    **"§ 90-270.169. Establishment of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission.**

47          (a)    The Compact States hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the  
48          Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission.

49               (1)    The Commission is a body politic and an instrumentality of the Compact  
50               States.

1           (2)    Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall  
2           be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where  
3           the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive  
4           venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to  
5           participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

6           (3)    Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign  
7           immunity.

8       (b)    Membership, Voting, and Meetings. –

9           (1)    The Commission shall consist of one voting representative appointed by each  
10          Compact State who shall serve as that state's Commissioner. The State  
11          Psychology Regulatory Authority shall appoint its delegate. This delegate  
12          shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Compact State. This delegate shall  
13          be limited to:

14          a.     Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or similar executive;

15          b.     Current member of the State Psychology Regulatory Authority of a  
16          Compact State; or

17          c.     Designee empowered with the appropriate delegate authority to act on  
18          behalf of the Compact State.

19          (2)    Any Commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as provided by  
20          the law of the state from which the Commissioner is appointed. Any vacancy  
21          occurring in the Commission shall be filled in accordance with the laws of the  
22          Compact State in which the vacancy exists.

23          (3)    Each Commissioner shall be entitled to one (1) vote with regard to the  
24          promulgation of Rules and creation of Bylaws and shall otherwise have an  
25          opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the Commission. A  
26          Commissioner shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the  
27          Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for Commissioners' participation in  
28          meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

29          (4)    The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year.  
30          Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the Bylaws.

31          (5)    All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall  
32          be given in the same manner as required under the rule-making provisions in  
33          G.S. 90-270.170.

34          (6)    The Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the  
35          Commission must discuss:

36          a.     Noncompliance of a Compact State with its obligations under the  
37          Compact;

38          b.     The employment, compensation, discipline, or other personnel  
39          matters, practices, or procedures related to specific employees or other  
40          matters related to the Commission's internal personnel practices and  
41          procedures;

42          c.     Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation against the  
43          Commission;

44          d.     Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods, services, or  
45          real estate;

46          e.     Accusation against any person of a crime or formally censuring any  
47          person;

48          f.     Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information  
49          which is privileged or confidential;

50          g.     Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would  
51          constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

- 1                    h. Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law enforcement  
2                    purposes;  
3                    i. Disclosure of information related to any investigatory reports prepared  
4                    by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or other committee  
5                    charged with responsibility for investigation or determination of  
6                    compliance issues pursuant to the Compact; or  
7                    j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal and state  
8                    statute.

9                    (7) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the  
10                    Commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be  
11                    closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision. The  
12                    Commission shall keep minutes which fully and clearly describe all matters  
13                    discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of  
14                    actions taken, of any person participating in the meeting, and the reasons  
15                    therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents  
16                    considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes.  
17                    All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal,  
18                    subject to release only by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a  
19                    court of competent jurisdiction.

20                    (c) The Commission shall, by a majority vote of the Commissioners, prescribe Bylaws  
21                    and/or Rules to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes  
22                    and exercise the powers of the Compact, including, but not limited to:

- 23                    (1) Establishing the fiscal year of the Commission;  
24                    (2) Providing reasonable standards and procedures:  
25                    a. For the establishment and meetings of other committees; and  
26                    b. Governing any general or specific delegation of any authority or  
27                    function of the Commission;  
28                    (3) Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the  
29                    Commission, ensuring reasonable advance notice of all meetings and  
30                    providing an opportunity for attendance of such meetings by interested parties,  
31                    with enumerated exceptions designed to protect the public's interest, the  
32                    privacy of individuals of such proceedings, and proprietary information,  
33                    including trade secrets. The Commission may meet in closed session only  
34                    after a majority of the Commissioners vote to close a meeting to the public in  
35                    whole or in part. As soon as practicable, the Commission must make public a  
36                    copy of the vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of each Commissioner  
37                    with no proxy votes allowed;  
38                    (4) Establishing the titles, duties, and authority and reasonable procedures for the  
39                    election of the officers of the Commission;  
40                    (5) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the establishment of the  
41                    personnel policies and programs of the Commission. Notwithstanding any  
42                    civil service or other similar law of any Compact State, the Bylaws shall  
43                    exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of the Commission;  
44                    (6) Promulgating a Code of Ethics to address permissible and prohibited activities  
45                    of Commission members and employees;  
46                    (7) Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the Commission and  
47                    the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the  
48                    termination of the Compact after the payment and/or reserving of all of its  
49                    debts and obligations;

- 1           (8) The Commission shall publish its Bylaws in a convenient form and file a copy  
2           thereof and a copy of any amendment thereto with the appropriate agency or  
3           officer in each of the Compact States;  
4           (9) The Commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance with the  
5           Bylaws; and  
6           (10) The Commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the  
7           provisions of this Compact and the Bylaws.  
8        (d) The Commission shall have the following powers:  
9           (1) The authority to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate  
10          implementation and administration of this Compact. The rule shall have the  
11          force and effect of law and shall be binding in all Compact States;  
12          (2) To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the  
13          Commission, provided that the standing of any State Psychology Regulatory  
14          Authority or other regulatory body responsible for psychology licensure to sue  
15          or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;  
16          (3) To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;  
17          (4) To borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not  
18          limited to, employees of a Compact State;  
19          (5) To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties,  
20          grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the  
21          Compact, and to establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs  
22          relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related  
23          personnel matters;  
24          (6) To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment,  
25          supplies, materials, and services and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the  
26          same, provided that at all times the Commission shall strive to avoid any  
27          appearance of impropriety and/or conflict of interest;  
28          (7) To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to  
29          own, hold, improve, or use any property, real, personal, or mixed, provided  
30          that at all times the Commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of  
31          impropriety;  
32          (8) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise  
33          dispose of any property, real, personal, or mixed;  
34          (9) To establish a budget and make expenditures;  
35          (10) To borrow money;  
36          (11) To appoint committees, including advisory committees comprised of  
37          members, state regulators, state legislators or their representatives, and  
38          consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be  
39          designated in this Compact and the Bylaws;  
40          (12) To provide and receive information from, and to cooperate with, law  
41          enforcement agencies;  
42          (13) To adopt and use an official seal; and  
43          (14) To perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve  
44          the purposes of this Compact consistent with the state regulation of  
45          psychology licensure, temporary in-person, face-to-face practice, and  
46          telepsychology practice.  
47        (e) The Executive Board. – The elected officers shall serve as the Executive Board, which  
48        shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this Compact.  
49          (1) The Executive Board shall be comprised of six members:  
50            a. Five voting members who are elected from the current membership of  
51            the Commission by the Commission.

- 1                    b. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from the recognized membership  
2                    organization composed of State and Provincial Psychology Regulatory  
3                    Authorities.
- 4                    (2) The ex-officio member must have served as staff or member on a State  
5                    Psychology Regulatory Authority and will be selected by its respective  
6                    organization.
- 7                    (3) The Commission may remove any member of the Executive Board as  
8                    provided in Bylaws.
- 9                    (4) The Executive Board shall meet at least annually.
- 10                   (5) The Executive Board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 11                   a. Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the Rules or Bylaws,  
12                   changes to this Compact legislation, fees paid by Compact States such  
13                   as annual dues and any other applicable fees;
- 14                   b. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately provided,  
15                   contractual or otherwise;
- 16                   c. Prepare and recommend the budget;
- 17                   d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Commission;
- 18                   e. Monitor Compact compliance of member states and provide  
19                   compliance reports to the Commission;
- 20                   f. Establish additional committees as necessary; and
- 21                   g. Other duties as provided in Rules or Bylaws.
- 22                   (f) Financing of the Commission. –
- 23                   (1) The Commission shall pay or provide for the payment of the reasonable  
24                   expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.
- 25                   (2) The Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources,  
26                   donations, and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services.
- 27                   (3) The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each  
28                   Compact State or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the  
29                   operations and activities of the Commission and its staff which must be in a  
30                   total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for  
31                   which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual  
32                   assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined  
33                   by the Commission which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all Compact  
34                   States.
- 35                   (4) The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the  
36                   funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Commission pledge the credit  
37                   of any of the Compact States, except by and with the authority of the Compact  
38                   State.
- 39                   (5) The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and  
40                   disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be  
41                   subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its Bylaws.  
42                   However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Commission  
43                   shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant and the  
44                   report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report  
45                   of the Commission.
- 46                   (g) Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification. –
- 47                   (1) The members, officers, Executive Director, employees and representatives of  
48                   the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or  
49                   in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or  
50                   personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or  
51                   alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom

1 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
2 scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, provided that  
3 nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to protect any such person from  
4 suit and/or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the  
5 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

6 (2) The Commission shall defend any member, officer, Executive Director,  
7 employee or representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking to  
8 impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that  
9 occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or  
10 responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a  
11 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission  
12 employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that nothing herein shall be  
13 construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and  
14 provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result  
15 from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

16 (3) The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer,  
17 Executive Director, employee, or representative of the Commission for the  
18 amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out  
19 of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope  
20 of employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a  
21 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission  
22 employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act,  
23 error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton  
24 misconduct of that person.

25 **§ 90-270.170. Rule making.**

26 (a) The Commission shall exercise its rule-making powers pursuant to the criteria set  
27 forth in this section and the Rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become  
28 binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

29 (b) If a majority of the legislatures of the Compact States rejects a rule, by enactment of  
30 a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact, then such rule shall have  
31 no further force and effect in any Compact State.

32 (c) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of  
33 the Commission.

34 (d) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or Rules by the Commission, and  
35 at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon,  
36 the Commission shall file a Notice of Proposed Rule Making:

37 (1) On the Web site of the Commission; and

38 (2) On the Web site of each Compact States' Psychology Regulatory Authority or  
39 the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

40 (e) The Notice of Proposed Rule Making shall include:

41 (1) The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in which the rule will be  
42 considered and voted upon;

43 (2) The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed  
44 rule;

45 (3) A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and

46 (4) The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the Commission  
47 of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

48 (f) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission shall allow persons to submit  
49 written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

50 (g) The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule  
51 or amendment if a hearing is requested by:

- 1           (1) At least 25 persons who submit comments independently of each other;  
2           (2) A governmental subdivision or agency; or  
3           (3) A duly appointed person in an association that has having at least 25 members.  
4       (h) If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the Commission shall publish  
5 the place, time, and date of the scheduled public hearing.  
6           (1) All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the Executive  
7 Director of the Commission or other designated member in writing of their  
8 desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less than five business days  
9 before the scheduled date of the hearing.  
10          (2) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes  
11 to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.  
12          (3) No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a written request for a transcript  
13 is made, in which case the person requesting the transcript shall bear the cost  
14 of producing the transcript. A recording may be made in lieu of a transcript  
15 under the same terms and conditions as a transcript. This subsection shall not  
16 preclude the Commission from making a transcript or recording of the hearing  
17 if it so chooses.  
18          (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on  
19 each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the Commission at  
20 hearings required by this section.  
21       (i) Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled  
22 hearing date if the hearing was not held, the Commission shall consider all written and oral  
23 comments received.  
24       (j) The Commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the  
25 proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rule-making  
26 record and the full text of the rule.  
27       (k) If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by interested parties is  
28 received, the Commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public  
29 hearing.  
30       (l) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and  
31 adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that  
32 the usual rule-making procedures provided in the Compact and in this section shall be  
33 retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than 90 days  
34 after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one  
35 that must be adopted immediately in order to:  
36           (1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;  
37           (2) Prevent a loss of Commission or Compact State funds;  
38           (3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is  
39 established by federal law or rule; or  
40           (4) Protect public health and safety.  
41       (m) The Commission or an authorized committee of the Commission may direct revisions  
42 to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors  
43 in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be  
44 posted on the Web site of the Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any  
45 person for a period of 30 days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds  
46 that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing, and  
47 delivered to the Chair of the Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is  
48 made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the  
49 revision may not take effect without the approval of the Commission.  
50 **"§ 90-270.171. Oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement.**  
51       (a) Oversight. –

- 1           (1)    The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government in each  
2           Compact State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and  
3           appropriate to effectuate the Compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of  
4           this Compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as  
5           statutory law.
- 6           (2)    All courts shall take judicial notice of the Compact and the rules in any judicial  
7           or administrative proceeding in a Compact State pertaining to the subject  
8           matter of this Compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities, or  
9           actions of the Commission.
- 10          (3)    The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any such  
11          proceeding and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all  
12          purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the Commission shall render  
13          a judgment or order void as to the Commission, this Compact, or promulgated  
14          rules.
- 15          (b)    Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination. –
- 16            (1)    If the Commission determines that a Compact State has defaulted in the  
17            performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the  
18            promulgated rules, the Commission shall:
- 19            a.    Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other Compact States  
20            of the nature of the default, the proposed means of remedying the  
21            default, and/or any other action to be taken by the Commission; and  
22            b.    Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding  
23            the default.
- 24            (2)    If a state in default fails to remedy the default, the defaulting state may be  
25            terminated from the Compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
26            Compact States and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this  
27            Compact shall be terminated on the effective date of termination. A remedy  
28            of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities  
29            incurred during the period of default.
- 30            (3)    Termination of membership in the Compact shall be imposed only after all  
31            other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to  
32            suspend or terminate shall be submitted by the Commission to the Governor,  
33            the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each  
34            of the Compact States.
- 35            (4)    A Compact State which has been terminated is responsible for all assessments,  
36            obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination,  
37            including obligations which extend beyond the effective date of termination.
- 38            (5)    The Commission shall not bear any costs incurred by the state which is found  
39            to be in default or which has been terminated from the Compact, unless agreed  
40            upon in writing between the Commission and the defaulting state.
- 41            (6)    The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Commission by petitioning  
42            the U.S. District Court for the state of Georgia or the federal district where the  
43            Compact has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all  
44            costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- 45          (c)    Dispute Resolution. –
- 46            (1)    Upon request by a Compact State, the Commission shall attempt to resolve  
47            disputes related to the Compact which arise among Compact States and  
48            between Compact and Non-Compact States.
- 49            (2)    The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and  
50            binding dispute resolution for disputes that arise before the Commission.
- 51          (d)    Enforcement. –



- 1           (1)    The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the  
2           provisions and Rules of this Compact.
- 3           (2)    By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal action in the United  
4           States District Court for the State of Georgia or the federal district where the  
5           Compact has its principal offices against a Compact State in default to enforce  
6           compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules and  
7           Bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In  
8           the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member shall be  
9           awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- 10          (3)    The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the Commission.  
11          The Commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or  
12          state law.

13    **"§ 90-270.172. Date of implementation of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact**  
14    **Commission and associated rules, withdrawal, and amendments.**

15          (a)    The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact is enacted into  
16          law in the seventh Compact State. The provisions which become effective at that time shall be  
17          limited to the powers granted to the Commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of  
18          rules. Thereafter, the Commission shall meet and exercise rule-making powers necessary to the  
19          implementation and administration of the Compact.

20          (b)    Any state which joins the Compact subsequent to the Commission's initial adoption  
21          of the rules shall be subject to the rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes  
22          law in that state. Any rule which has been previously adopted by the Commission shall have the  
23          full force and effect of law on the day the Compact becomes law in that state.

24          (c)    Any Compact State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing  
25          the same.

26               (1)    A Compact State's withdrawal shall not take effect until six months after  
27               enactment of the repealing statute.

28               (2)    Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing  
29               State's Psychology Regulatory Authority to comply with the investigative and  
30               adverse action reporting requirements of this act prior to the effective date of  
31               withdrawal.

32          (d)    Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any  
33          psychology licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a Compact State and  
34          a Non-Compact State which does not conflict with the provisions of this Compact.

35          (e)    This Compact may be amended by the Compact States. No amendment to this  
36          Compact shall become effective and binding upon any Compact State until it is enacted into the  
37          law of all Compact States.

38    **"§ 90-270.173. Construction and severability.**

39          This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. If this  
40          Compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state member thereto, the Compact shall  
41          remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Compact States."

42          **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2019. The North Carolina  
43          Psychology Board shall report to the Revisor of Statutes when the Psychology Interjurisdictional  
44          Compact (PSYPACT) set forth in Section 2 of this act has been enacted by the seven member  
45          states.