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Maine Joins Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Compact enacted in 22nd State

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 28, 2017) –Maine is the 22nd state to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). Legislative Document 1359, “An Act to Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact,” sponsored by Sen. Geoff Gratwick (D-Bangor), was enacted into law on June 24th.

“We are pleased that Maine has joined 21 other states who are dedicated to increasing access to health care by expediting licensure for willing and qualified physicians,” said FSMB President and CEO Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MACP. “At a time when our nation’s physician shortage is disproportionately impacting rural communities, it is critical that states like Maine are able to attract eligible physicians from across state lines to treat patients in need.”

The Compact, which has drawn broad support from national and state health care groups, was supported in Maine by the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Maine joins 21 other states that have enacted legislation to expedite multi-state medical licensure since 2015. These states include Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The initiative remains under consideration in Michigan, Rhode Island, Texas, the District of Columbia and Guam.

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission’s application process officially went live on April 6, 2017, and its first license was issued on April 20, 2017. That license application was received on April 8, 2017, listing Wisconsin as

the State of Principle License. The Letter of Qualification was sent to Colorado on April 19, 2017, and the Colorado license was issued on April 20, 2017.

To learn more about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, please visit IMLCC.org

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