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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMPACT

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Hull, Ackerman, Costantino, J. Lombardi,  
Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 02, 2024

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 [Expires July 1, 2025.]" 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, 2024.](#)

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 100](#)

9 [TELEMEDICINE AND OUT-OF-STATE MEDICINE](#)

10 **23-100-1. 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 [\(c\) Prior to providing services under this chapter, any out-of-state medical provider shall](#)  
16 [register with the department of health.](#)

17 [\(d\) The department of health and the office of health insurance commissioner shall](#)  
18 [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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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no  
2 later than July 1, 2024. This act would further restore access to telemedicine for all Rhode Island  
3 residents and allow treatment by out-of-state providers who register with the department of health.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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