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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The State Medical Board will experience initial and ongoing costs to participate in the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact, including costs to process Compact privileges, investigate any complaints, and to update the eLicensing system. However, participating states can charge a fee to issue Compact privileges. Total costs, as well as the amount of revenues received, will depend on the number of podiatric physicians seeking a Compact privilege.

Detailed Analysis

The bill enters Ohio as a party to the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact. The goal of the Compact is to expand access to care by allowing podiatric physicians licensed in a member state to practice in other member states. The member state that issues a licensee's Compact-qualifying license has authority to impose adverse action against the license issued by that state. The bill authorizes adverse actions (administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action) against, and joint investigations of, licensees by member and remote states. Additionally, the bill requires a member state to submit data to the Interstate Commission regarding information about podiatric physicians in the state, including any public action or public complaints and disciplinary or investigatory information deemed necessary by the Interstate Commission. As a result, the State Medical Board, which licenses podiatric physicians, would realize costs to process and regulate Compact privileges. If there are any criminal actions taken, there could be court costs. Additionally, the Board will realize administrative costs to submit required information, to promulgate any rules, pay any required annual Compact assessments, and to the eLicensing system or the Board's website. Additions or changes to the eLicensing system depend on numerous factors including whether the modification is for a new or existing license type, the number of licenses, and the standards adopted. The Board will be required to select one

commissioner to serve on the Interstate Commission. The Interstate Commission is required to meet at least once each calendar year. This requirement could also result in costs. However, the bill states that the Interstate Commission's bylaws may provide for meetings to be conducted, in whole or in part, via teleconference or other electronic means. If this is allowed, travel costs would be negated.

Participating states may impose Compact privilege fees, which may help offset some costs. Costs, and the amount of revenue received, will depend on the number of podiatric physicians seeking privileges.

The Compact becomes effective when four states enact it into law. As of May 11, 2026, one state, Maryland, has passed Compact legislation.[1]

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[1] See Map of Participating States.