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AN ACT

To repeal sections 190.255, 191.500, 191.505, 191.510, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 191.530, 191.535, 191.540, 191.545, 191.550, 191.600, 191.828, 191.831, 195.070, 195.100, 195.206, 324.520, 334.036, 334.043, 334.100, 334.104, 334.506, 334.613, 334.735, 334.747, 335.016, 335.019, 335.036, 335.046, 335.051, 335.056, 335.076, 335.086, 335.175, 335.203, 335.212, 335.215, 335.218, 335.221, 335.224, 335.227, 335.230, 335.233, 335.236, 335.239, 335.242, 335.245, 335.248, 335.251, 335.254, 335.257, 337.510, 337.615, 337.644, and 337.665, RSMo, and section 192.530 as truly agreed to and finally passed by senate substitute for house bill no. 402, one hundred second general assembly, first regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof eighty new sections relating to professions requiring licensure, with existing penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 190.255, 191.500, 191.505, 191.510,
2 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 191.530, 191.535, 191.540, 191.545,
3 191.550, 191.600, 191.828, 191.831, 195.070, 195.100, 195.206,
4 324.520, 334.036, 334.043, 334.100, 334.104, 334.506, 334.613,
5 334.735, 334.747, 335.016, 335.019, 335.036, 335.046, 335.051,
6 335.056, 335.076, 335.086, 335.175, 335.203, 335.212, 335.215,
7 335.218, 335.221, 335.224, 335.227, 335.230, 335.233, 335.236,
8 335.239, 335.242, 335.245, 335.248, 335.251, 335.254, 335.257,
9 337.510, 337.615, 337.644, and 337.665, RSMo, and section

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

10 192.530 as truly agreed to and finally passed by senate
11 substitute for house bill no. 402, one hundred second general
12 assembly, first regular session, are repealed and eighty new
13 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
14 190.255, 191.430, 191.435, 191.440, 191.445, 191.450, 191.600,
15 191.828, 191.831, 195.070, 195.100, 195.206, 324.520, 334.036,
16 334.043, 334.100, 334.104, 334.506, 334.613, 334.735, 334.747,
17 334.1600, 334.1605, 334.1610, 334.1615, 334.1620, 334.1625,
18 334.1630, 334.1635, 334.1640, 334.1645, 334.1650, 334.1655,
19 334.1660, 334.1665, 334.1670, 334.1675, 334.1680, 334.1685,
20 334.1690, 334.1695, 334.1700, 334.1705, 334.1710, 334.1715,
21 334.1720, 335.016, 335.019, 335.036, 335.046, 335.051, 335.056,
22 335.076, 335.086, 335.175, 335.203, 335.205, 337.510, 337.550,
23 337.615, 337.644, 337.665, 337.1000, 337.1005, 337.1010,
24 337.1015, 337.1020, 337.1025, 337.1030, 337.1035, 337.1040,
25 337.1045, 337.1050, 337.1055, 337.1060, 337.1065, 337.1070,
26 337.1075, 579.088, and 1, to read as follows:

190.255. 1. Any qualified first responder may obtain
2 and administer naloxone, **or any other drug or device**
3 **approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration,**
4 **that blocks the effects of an opioid overdose and is**
5 **administered in a manner approved by the United States Food**
6 **and Drug Administration** to a person suffering from an
7 apparent narcotic or opiate-related overdose in order to
8 revive the person.

2. Any licensed drug distributor or pharmacy in
10 Missouri may sell naloxone, **or any other drug or device**
11 **approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration,**
12 **that blocks the effects of an opioid overdose and is**
13 **administered in a manner approved by the United States Food**
14 **and Drug Administration** to qualified first responder
15 agencies to allow the agency to stock naloxone for the

16 administration of such drug to persons suffering from an
17 apparent narcotic or opiate overdose in order to revive the
18 person.

19 3. For the purposes of this section, "qualified first
20 responder" shall mean any [state and local law enforcement
21 agency staff,] fire department personnel, fire district
22 personnel, or licensed emergency medical technician who is
23 acting under the directives and established protocols of a
24 medical director of a local licensed ground ambulance
25 service licensed under section 190.109, **or any state or**
26 **local law enforcement agency staff member**, who comes in
27 contact with a person suffering from an apparent narcotic or
28 opiate-related overdose and who has received training in
29 recognizing and responding to a narcotic or opiate overdose
30 and the administration of naloxone to a person suffering
31 from an apparent narcotic or opiate-related overdose.

32 "Qualified first responder agencies" shall mean any state or
33 local law enforcement agency, fire department, or ambulance
34 service that provides documented training to its staff
35 related to the administration of naloxone in an apparent
36 narcotic or opiate overdose situation.

37 4. A qualified first responder shall only administer
38 naloxone by such means as the qualified first responder has
39 received training for the administration of naloxone.

191.430. 1. There is hereby established within the
2 **department of health and senior services the "Health**
3 **Professional Loan Repayment Program" to provide forgivable**
4 **loans for the purpose of repaying existing loans related to**
5 **applicable educational expenses for health care, mental**
6 **health, and public health professionals. The department of**
7 **health and senior services shall be the administrative**

8 agency for the implementation of the program established by
9 this section.

10 2. The department of health and senior services shall
11 prescribe the form and the time and method of filing
12 applications and supervise the processing, including
13 oversight and monitoring of the program, and shall
14 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of sections
15 191.430 to 191.450. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
16 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under
17 the authority delegated in this section shall become
18 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
19 the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
20 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
21 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
22 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
23 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
24 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
25 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
26 2023, shall be invalid and void.

27 3. The director of the department of health and senior
28 services shall have the discretion to determine the health
29 professionals and practitioners who will receive forgivable
30 health professional loans from the department to pay their
31 existing loans. The director shall make such determinations
32 each fiscal year based on evidence associated with the
33 greatest needs in the best interests of the public. The
34 health care, mental health, and public health professionals
35 or disciplines funded in any given year shall be contingent
36 upon consultation with the office of workforce development
37 in the department of higher education and workforce
38 development and the department of mental health, or their
39 successor agencies.

40 4. The department of health and senior services shall
41 enter into a contract with each selected applicant who
42 receives a health professional loan under this section.
43 Each selected applicant shall apply the loan award to his or
44 her educational debt. The contract shall detail the methods
45 of forgiveness associated with a service obligation and the
46 terms associated with the principal and interest accruing on
47 the loan at the time of the award. The contract shall
48 contain details concerning how forgiveness is earned,
49 including when partial forgiveness is earned through a
50 service obligation, and the terms and conditions associated
51 with repayment of the loans for any obligation not served.

52 5. All health professional loans shall be made from
53 funds appropriated by the general assembly to the health
54 professional loan incentive fund established in section
55 191.445.

191.435. The department of health and senior services
2 shall designate counties, communities, or sections of areas
3 in the state as areas of defined need for health care,
4 mental health, and public health services. If a county,
5 community, or section of an area has been designated or
6 determined as a professional shortage area, a shortage area,
7 or a health care, mental health, or public health
8 professional shortage area by the federal Department of
9 Health and Human Services or its successor agency, the
10 department of health and senior services shall designate it
11 as an area of defined need under this section. If the
12 director of the department of health and senior services
13 determines that a county, community, or section of an area
14 has an extraordinary need for health care professional
15 services without a corresponding supply of such
16 professionals, the department of health and senior services

17 may designate it as an area of defined need under this
18 section.

191.440. 1. The department of health and senior
2 services shall enter into a contract with each individual
3 qualifying for a forgivable loan under sections 191.430 to
4 191.450. The written contract between the department and
5 the individual shall contain, but not be limited to, the
6 following:

7 (1) An agreement that the state agrees to award a loan
8 and the individual agrees to serve for a period equal to two
9 years, or a longer period as the individual may agree to, in
10 an area of defined need as designated by the department,
11 with such service period to begin on the date identified on
12 the signed contract;

13 (2) A provision that any financial obligations arising
14 out of a contract entered into and any obligation of the
15 individual that is conditioned thereon is contingent upon
16 funds being appropriated for loans;

17 (3) The area of defined need where the person will
18 practice;

19 (4) A statement of the damages to which the state is
20 entitled for the individual's breach of the contract; and

21 (5) Such other statements of the rights and
22 liabilities of the department and of the individual not
23 inconsistent with sections 191.430 to 191.450.

24 2. The department of health and senior services may
25 stipulate specific practice sites, contingent upon
26 department-generated health care, mental health, and public
27 health professional need priorities, where applicants shall
28 agree to practice for the duration of their participation in
29 the program.

191.445. There is hereby created in the state treasury
2 the "Health Professional Loan Incentive Fund", which shall
3 consist of any appropriations made by the general assembly,
4 all funds recovered from an individual under section
5 191.450, and all funds generated by loan repayments received
6 under sections 191.430 to 191.450. The state treasurer
7 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections
8 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve
9 disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon
10 appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely by
11 the department of health and senior services to provide
12 loans under sections 191.430 to 191.450. Notwithstanding
13 the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
14 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not
15 revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state
16 treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner
17 as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned
18 on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

191.450. 1. An individual who enters into a written
2 contract with the department of health and senior services,
3 as described in section 191.440, and who fails to maintain
4 an acceptable employment status shall be liable to the state
5 for any amount awarded as a loan by the department directly
6 to the individual who entered into the contract that has not
7 yet been forgiven.

2. An individual fails to maintain an acceptable
9 employment status under this section when the contracted
10 individual involuntarily or voluntarily terminates
11 qualifying employment, is dismissed from such employment
12 before completion of the contractual service obligation
13 within the specific time frame outlined in the contract, or
14 fails to respond to requests made by the department.

15 3. If an individual breaches the written contract of
16 the individual by failing to begin or complete such
17 individual's service obligation, the state shall be entitled
18 to recover from the individual an amount equal to the sum of:

19 (1) The total amount of the loan awarded by the
20 department or, if the department had already awarded partial
21 forgiveness at the time of the breach, the amount of the
22 loan not yet forgiven;

23 (2) The interest on the amount that would be payable
24 if at the time the loan was awarded it was a loan bearing
25 interest at the maximum prevailing rate as determined by the
26 Treasurer of the United States;

27 (3) An amount equal to any damages incurred by the
28 department as a result of the breach; and

29 (4) Any legal fees or associated costs incurred by the
30 department or the state of Missouri in the collection of
31 damages.

191.600. 1. Sections 191.600 to 191.615 establish a
2 loan repayment program for graduates of approved medical
3 schools, schools of osteopathic medicine, schools of
4 dentistry and accredited chiropractic colleges who practice
5 in areas of defined need and shall be known as the "Health
6 Professional Student Loan Repayment Program". Sections
7 191.600 to 191.615 shall apply to graduates of accredited
8 chiropractic colleges when federal guidelines for
9 chiropractic shortage areas are developed.

10 2. The "Health Professional Student Loan and Loan
11 Repayment Program Fund" is hereby created in the state
12 treasury. All funds recovered from an individual pursuant
13 to section 191.614 and all funds generated by loan
14 repayments and penalties received pursuant to section
15 191.540 shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the

16 fund shall be used by the department of health and senior
17 services to provide loan repayments pursuant to section
18 191.611 in accordance with sections 191.600 to 191.614 [and
19 to provide loans pursuant to sections 191.500 to 191.550].

191.828. 1. The following departments shall conduct
2 on-going evaluations of the effect of the initiatives
3 enacted by the following sections:

4 (1) The department of commerce and insurance shall
5 evaluate the effect of revising section 376.782 and sections
6 143.999, 208.178, 374.126, and 376.891 to 376.894;

7 (2) The department of health and senior services shall
8 evaluate the effect of revising sections 105.711 and
9 [sections 191.520 and] 191.600 and enacting section 191.411,
10 and sections 167.600 to 167.621, 191.231, 208.177, 431.064,
11 and 660.016. In collaboration with the state board of
12 registration for the healing arts, the state board of
13 nursing, and the state board of pharmacy, the department of
14 health and senior services shall also evaluate the effect of
15 revising section 195.070, section 334.100, and section
16 335.016, and of sections 334.104 and 334.112, and section
17 338.095 and 338.198;

18 (3) The department of social services shall evaluate
19 the effect of revising section 198.090, and sections
20 208.151, 208.152 and 208.215, and section 383.125, and of
21 sections 167.600 to 167.621, 208.177, 208.178, 208.179,
22 208.181, and 211.490;

23 (4) The office of administration shall evaluate the
24 effect of revising sections 105.711 and 105.721;

25 (5) The Missouri consolidated health care plan shall
26 evaluate the effect of section 103.178; and

27 (6) The department of mental health shall evaluate the
28 effect of section 191.831 as it relates to substance abuse
29 treatment and of section 191.835.

30 2. The department of revenue and office of
31 administration shall make biannual reports to the general
32 assembly and the governor concerning the income received
33 into the health initiatives fund and the level of funding
34 required to operate the programs and initiatives funded by
35 the health initiatives fund at an optimal level.

 191.831. 1. There is hereby established in the state
2 treasury a "Health Initiatives Fund", to which shall be
3 deposited all revenues designated for the fund under
4 subsection 8 of section 149.015, and subsection 3 of section
5 149.160, and section 167.609, and all other funds donated to
6 the fund or otherwise deposited pursuant to law. The state
7 treasurer shall administer the fund. Money in the fund
8 shall be appropriated to provide funding for implementing
9 the new programs and initiatives established by sections
10 105.711 and 105.721. The moneys in the fund may further be
11 used to fund those programs established by sections
12 191.411[, 191.520] and 191.600, sections 208.151 and
13 208.152, and sections 103.178, 143.999, 167.600 to 167.621,
14 188.230, 191.211, 191.231, 191.825 to 191.839, 192.013,
15 208.177, 208.178, 208.179 and 208.181, 211.490, 285.240,
16 337.093, 374.126, 376.891 to 376.894, 431.064, 660.016,
17 660.017 and 660.018; in addition, not less than fifteen
18 percent of the proceeds deposited to the health initiative
19 fund pursuant to sections 149.015 and 149.160 shall be
20 appropriated annually to provide funding for the C-STAR
21 substance abuse rehabilitation program of the department of
22 mental health, or its successor program, and a C-STAR pilot
23 project developed by the director of the division of alcohol

24 and drug abuse and the director of the department of
25 corrections as an alternative to incarceration, as provided
26 in subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section. Such pilot
27 project shall be known as the "Alt-care" program. In
28 addition, some of the proceeds deposited to the health
29 initiatives fund pursuant to sections 149.015 and 149.160
30 shall be appropriated annually to the division of alcohol
31 and drug abuse of the department of mental health to be used
32 for the administration and oversight of the substance abuse
33 traffic [offenders] **offender** program defined in section
34 302.010 [and section 577.001]. The provisions of section
35 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, money in the health
36 initiatives fund shall not be transferred at the close of
37 the biennium to the general revenue fund.

38 2. The director of the division of alcohol and drug
39 abuse and the director of the department of corrections
40 shall develop and administer a pilot project to provide a
41 comprehensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation
42 program as an alternative to incarceration, hereinafter
43 referred to as "Alt-care". Alt-care shall be funded using
44 money provided under subsection 1 of this section through
45 the Missouri Medicaid program, the C-STAR program of the
46 department of mental health, and the division of alcohol and
47 drug abuse's purchase-of-service system. Alt-care shall
48 offer a flexible combination of clinical services and living
49 arrangements individually adapted to each client and her
50 children. Alt-care shall consist of the following
51 components:

- 52 (1) Assessment and treatment planning;
- 53 (2) Community support to provide continuity,
54 monitoring of progress and access to services and resources;
- 55 (3) Counseling from individual to family therapy;

56 (4) Day treatment services which include accessibility
57 seven days per week, transportation to and from the Alt-care
58 program, weekly drug testing, leisure activities, weekly
59 events for families and companions, job and education
60 preparedness training, peer support and self-help and daily
61 living skills; and

62 (5) Living arrangement options which are permanent,
63 substance-free and conducive to treatment and recovery.

64 3. Any female who is pregnant or is the custodial
65 parent of a child or children under the age of twelve years,
66 and who has pleaded guilty to or found guilty of violating
67 the provisions of chapter 195, and whose controlled
68 substance abuse was a precipitating or contributing factor
69 in the commission of the offense, and who is placed on
70 probation may be required, as a condition of probation, to
71 participate in Alt-care, if space is available in the pilot
72 project area. Determinations of eligibility for the
73 program, placement, and continued participation shall be
74 made by the division of alcohol and drug abuse, in
75 consultation with the department of corrections.

76 4. The availability of space in Alt-care shall be
77 determined by the director of the division of alcohol and
78 drug abuse in conjunction with the director of the
79 department of corrections. If the sentencing court is
80 advised that there is no space available, the court shall
81 consider other authorized dispositions.

**[192.530. 1. As used in this section, the
2 following terms mean:**

**3 (1) "Department", the department of health
4 and senior services;**

**5 (2) "Health care provider", the same
6 meaning given to the term in section 376.1350;**

**7 (3) "Voluntary nonopioid directive form",
8 a form that may be used by a patient to deny or
9 refuse the administration or prescription of a**

10 controlled substance containing an opioid by a
11 health care provider.

12 2. In consultation with the board of
13 registration for the healing arts and the board
14 of pharmacy, the department shall develop and
15 publish a uniform voluntary nonopioid directive
16 form.

17 3. The voluntary nonopioid directive form
18 developed by the department shall indicate to
19 all prescribing health care providers that the
20 named patient shall not be offered, prescribed,
21 supplied with, or otherwise administered a
22 controlled substance containing an opioid.

23 4. The voluntary nonopioid directive form
24 shall be posted in a downloadable format on the
25 department's publicly accessible website.

26 5. (1) A patient may execute and file a
27 voluntary nonopioid directive form with a health
28 care provider. Each health care provider shall
29 sign and date the form in the presence of the
30 patient as evidence of acceptance and shall
31 provide a signed copy of the form to the patient.

32 (2) The patient executing and filing a
33 voluntary nonopioid directive form with a health
34 care provider shall sign and date the form in
35 the presence of the health care provider or a
36 designee of the health care provider. In the
37 case of a patient who is unable to execute and
38 file a voluntary nonopioid directive form, the
39 patient may designate a duly authorized guardian
40 or health care proxy to execute and file the
41 form in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
42 subsection.

43 (3) A patient may revoke the voluntary
44 nonopioid directive form for any reason and may
45 do so by written or oral means.

46 6. The department shall promulgate
47 regulations for the implementation of the
48 voluntary nonopioid directive form that shall
49 include, but not be limited to:

50 (1) A standard method for the recording
51 and transmission of the voluntary nonopioid
52 directive form, which shall include verification
53 by the patient's health care provider and shall
54 comply with the written consent requirements of
55 the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. Section
56 290dd-2(b), and 42 CFR Part 2, relating to
57 confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse
58 patient records, provided that the voluntary
59 nonopioid directive form shall also provide the
60 basic procedures necessary to revoke the
61 voluntary nonopioid directive form;

62 (2) Procedures to record the voluntary
63 nonopioid directive form in the patient's
64 medical record or, if available, the patient's
65 interoperable electronic medical record;

66 (3) Requirements and procedures for a
67 patient to appoint a duly authorized guardian or
68 health care proxy to override a previously filed
69 voluntary nonopioid directive form and
70 circumstances under which an attending health
71 care provider may override a previously filed
72 voluntary nonopioid directive form based on
73 documented medical judgment, which shall be
74 recorded in the patient's medical record;

75 (4) Procedures to ensure that any
76 recording, sharing, or distributing of data
77 relative to the voluntary nonopioid directive
78 form complies with all federal and state
79 confidentiality laws; and

80 (5) Appropriate exemptions for health care
81 providers and emergency medical personnel to
82 prescribe or administer a controlled substance
83 containing an opioid when, in their professional
84 medical judgment, a controlled substance
85 containing an opioid is necessary, or the
86 provider and medical personnel are acting in
87 good faith.

88 The department shall develop and publish
89 guidelines on its publicly accessible website
90 that shall address, at a minimum, the content of
91 the regulations promulgated under this
92 subsection. Any rule or portion of a rule, as
93 that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
94 created under the authority delegated in this
95 section shall become effective only if it
96 complies with and is subject to all of the
97 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
98 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536
99 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested
100 with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
101 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or
102 to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
103 held unconstitutional, then the grant of
104 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
105 adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid
106 and void.

107 7. A written prescription that is
108 presented at an outpatient pharmacy or a
109 prescription that is electronically transmitted
110 to an outpatient pharmacy is presumed to be
111 valid for the purposes of this section, and a
112 pharmacist in an outpatient setting shall not be
113 held in violation of this section for dispensing
114 a controlled substance in contradiction to a
115 voluntary nonopioid directive form, except upon
116 evidence that the pharmacist acted knowingly
117 against the voluntary nonopioid directive form.

118 8. (1) A health care provider or an
119 employee of a health care provider acting in
120 good faith shall not be subject to criminal or
121 civil liability and shall not be considered to
122 have engaged in unprofessional conduct for

123 failing to offer or administer a prescription or
124 medication order for a controlled substance
125 containing an opioid under the voluntary
126 nonopioid directive form.

127 (2) A person acting as a representative or
128 an agent pursuant to a health care proxy shall
129 not be subject to criminal or civil liability
130 for making a decision under subdivision (3) of
131 subsection 6 of this section in good faith.

132 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of
133 law, a professional licensing board, at its
134 discretion, may limit, condition, or suspend the
135 license of, or assess fines against, a health
136 care provider who recklessly or negligently
137 fails to comply with a patient's voluntary
138 nonopioid directive form.]

195.070. 1. A physician, podiatrist, dentist, a
2 registered optometrist certified to administer
3 pharmaceutical agents as provided in section 336.220, or an
4 assistant physician in accordance with section 334.037 or a
5 physician assistant in accordance with section 334.747 in
6 good faith and in the course of his or her professional
7 practice only, may prescribe, administer, and dispense
8 controlled substances or he or she may cause the same to be
9 administered or dispensed by an individual as authorized by
10 statute.

11 2. An advanced practice registered nurse, as defined
12 in section 335.016, but not a certified registered nurse
13 anesthetist as defined in subdivision (8) of section
14 335.016, who holds a certificate of controlled substance
15 prescriptive authority from the board of nursing under
16 section 335.019 and who is delegated the authority to
17 prescribe controlled substances under a collaborative
18 practice arrangement under section 334.104 may prescribe any
19 controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of
20 section 195.017, and may have restricted authority in
21 Schedule II. Prescriptions for Schedule II medications
22 prescribed by an advanced practice registered nurse who has

23 a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority
24 are restricted to only those medications containing
25 hydrocodone **and Schedule II controlled substances for**
26 **hospice patients pursuant to the provisions of section**
27 **334.104.** However, no such certified advanced practice
28 registered nurse shall prescribe controlled substance for
29 his or her own self or family. Schedule III narcotic
30 controlled substance and Schedule II - hydrocodone
31 prescriptions shall be limited to a one hundred twenty-hour
32 supply without refill.

33 3. A veterinarian, in good faith and in the course of
34 the veterinarian's professional practice only, and not for
35 use by a human being, may prescribe, administer, and
36 dispense controlled substances and the veterinarian may
37 cause them to be administered by an assistant or orderly
38 under his or her direction and supervision.

39 4. A practitioner shall not accept any portion of a
40 controlled substance unused by a patient, for any reason, if
41 such practitioner did not originally dispense the drug,
42 except:

43 (1) When the controlled substance is delivered to the
44 practitioner to administer to the patient for whom the
45 medication is prescribed as authorized by federal law.
46 Practitioners shall maintain records and secure the
47 medication as required by this chapter and regulations
48 promulgated pursuant to this chapter; or

49 (2) As provided in section 195.265.

50 5. An individual practitioner shall not prescribe or
51 dispense a controlled substance for such practitioner's
52 personal use except in a medical emergency.

195.100. 1. It shall be unlawful to distribute any
2 controlled substance in a commercial container unless such

3 container bears a label containing an identifying symbol for
4 such substance in accordance with federal laws.

5 2. It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer of any
6 controlled substance to distribute such substance unless the
7 labeling thereof conforms to the requirements of federal law
8 and contains the identifying symbol required in subsection 1
9 of this section.

10 3. The label of a controlled substance in Schedule II,
11 III or IV shall, when dispensed to or for a patient, contain
12 a clear, concise warning that it is a criminal offense to
13 transfer such narcotic or dangerous drug to any person other
14 than the patient.

15 4. Whenever a manufacturer sells or dispenses a
16 controlled substance and whenever a wholesaler sells or
17 dispenses a controlled substance in a package prepared by
18 him or her, the manufacturer or wholesaler shall securely
19 affix to each package in which that drug is contained a
20 label showing in legible English the name and address of the
21 vendor and the quantity, kind, and form of controlled
22 substance contained therein. No person except a pharmacist
23 for the purpose of filling a prescription under this
24 chapter, shall alter, deface, or remove any label so affixed.

25 5. Whenever a pharmacist or practitioner sells or
26 dispenses any controlled substance on a prescription issued
27 by a physician, physician assistant, dentist, podiatrist,
28 veterinarian, or advanced practice registered nurse, the
29 pharmacist or practitioner shall affix to the container in
30 which such drug is sold or dispensed a label showing his or
31 her own name and address of the pharmacy or practitioner for
32 whom he or she is lawfully acting; the name of the patient
33 or, if the patient is an animal, the name of the owner of
34 the animal and the species of the animal; the name of the

35 physician, physician assistant, dentist, podiatrist,
36 advanced practice registered nurse, or veterinarian by whom
37 the prescription was written; [the name of the collaborating
38 physician if the prescription is written by an advanced
39 practice registered nurse or a physician assistant,] and
40 such directions as may be stated on the prescription. No
41 person shall alter, deface, or remove any label so affixed.

195.206. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Addiction mitigation medication", naltrexone
4 hydrochloride that is administered in a manner approved by
5 the United States Food and Drug Administration or any
6 accepted medical practice method of administering;

7 (2) "Opioid antagonist", naloxone hydrochloride, **or**
8 **any other drug or device approved by the United States Food**
9 **and Drug Administration**, that blocks the effects of an
10 opioid overdose [that] **and** is administered in a manner
11 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration
12 or any accepted medical practice method of administering;

13 (3) "Opioid-related drug overdose", a condition
14 including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness,
15 decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression,
16 coma, or death resulting from the consumption or use of an
17 opioid or other substance with which an opioid was combined
18 or a condition that a layperson would reasonably believe to
19 be an opioid-related drug overdose that requires medical
20 assistance.

21 2. Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the
22 contrary:

23 (1) The director of the department of health and
24 senior services, if a licensed physician, may issue a

25 statewide standing order for an opioid antagonist or an
26 addiction mitigation medication;

27 (2) In the alternative, the department may employ or
28 contract with a licensed physician who may issue a statewide
29 standing order for an opioid antagonist or an addiction
30 mitigation medication with the express written consent of
31 the department director.

32 3. Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the
33 contrary, any licensed pharmacist in Missouri may sell and
34 dispense an opioid antagonist or an addiction mitigation
35 medication under physician protocol or under a statewide
36 standing order issued under subsection 2 of this section.

37 4. A licensed pharmacist who, acting in good faith and
38 with reasonable care, sells or dispenses an opioid
39 antagonist or an addiction mitigation medication and an
40 appropriate device to administer the drug, and the protocol
41 physician, shall not be subject to any criminal or civil
42 liability or any professional disciplinary action for
43 prescribing or dispensing the opioid antagonist or an
44 addiction mitigation medication or any outcome resulting
45 from the administration of the opioid antagonist or an
46 addiction mitigation medication. A physician issuing a
47 statewide standing order under subsection 2 of this section
48 shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or
49 any professional disciplinary action for issuing the
50 standing order or for any outcome related to the order or
51 the administration of the opioid antagonist or an addiction
52 mitigation medication.

53 5. Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the
54 contrary, it shall be permissible for any person to possess
55 an opioid antagonist or an addiction mitigation medication.

56 6. Any person who administers an opioid antagonist to
57 another person shall, immediately after administering the
58 drug, contact emergency personnel. Any person who, acting
59 in good faith and with reasonable care, administers an
60 opioid antagonist to another person whom the person believes
61 to be suffering an opioid-related **drug** overdose shall be
62 immune from criminal prosecution, disciplinary actions from
63 his or her professional licensing board, and civil liability
64 due to the administration of the opioid antagonist.

324.520. 1. As used in sections 324.520 to 324.524,
2 the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Body piercing", the perforation of human tissue
4 other than an ear for a nonmedical purpose;

5 (2) "Branding", a permanent mark made on human tissue
6 by burning with a hot iron or other instrument;

7 (3) "Controlled substance", any substance defined in
8 section 195.010;

9 (4) "Minor", a person under the age of eighteen;

10 (5) "Tattoo", one or more of the following:

11 (a) **[An indelible] A mark made on the body of another**
12 **person by the insertion of a pigment, ink, or both pigment**
13 **and ink under the skin with the aid of needles or blades**
14 **using hand-held or machine-powered instruments; [or]**

15 (b) **A mark made on the face or body of another person**
16 **for cosmetic purposes or to any part of the body for scar**
17 **coverage or other corrective purposes by the insertion of a**
18 **pigment, ink, or both pigment and ink under the skin with**
19 **the aid of needles; or**

20 (c) An indelible design made on the body of another
21 person by production of scars other than by branding.

22 2. No person shall knowingly tattoo, brand or perform
23 body piercing on a minor unless such person obtains the

24 prior written informed consent of the minor's parent or
25 legal guardian. The minor's parent or legal guardian shall
26 execute the written informed consent required pursuant to
27 this subsection in the presence of the person performing the
28 tattooing, branding or body piercing on the minor, or in the
29 presence of an employee or agent of such person. Any person
30 who fraudulently misrepresents himself or herself as a
31 parent is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

32 3. A person shall not tattoo, brand or perform body
33 piercing on another person if the other person is under the
34 influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

35 4. A person who violates any provisions of sections
36 324.520 to 324.526 is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
37 fined not more than five hundred dollars. If there is a
38 subsequent violation within one year of the initial
39 violation, such person shall be fined not less than five
40 hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars.

41 5. No person under the age of eighteen shall tattoo,
42 brand or perform body piercing on another person.

334.036. 1. For purposes of this section, the
2 following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Assistant physician", any **graduate of a** medical
4 school **[graduate] accredited by the Liaison Committee on**
5 **Medical Education, the Commission on Osteopathic College**
6 **Accreditation, or an organization accredited by the**
7 **Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates** who:

8 (a) Is a resident and citizen of the United States or
9 is a legal resident alien;

10 (b) Has successfully completed Step 2 of the United
11 States Medical Licensing Examination or the equivalent of
12 such step of any other board-approved medical licensing
13 examination within the three-year period immediately

14 preceding application for licensure as an assistant
15 physician, or within three years after graduation from a
16 medical college or osteopathic medical college, whichever is
17 later;

18 (c) Has not completed an approved postgraduate
19 residency and has successfully completed Step 2 of the
20 United States Medical Licensing Examination or the
21 equivalent of such step of any other board-approved medical
22 licensing examination within the immediately preceding three-
23 year period unless when such three-year anniversary occurred
24 he or she was serving as a resident physician in an
25 accredited residency in the United States and continued to
26 do so within thirty days prior to application for licensure
27 as an assistant physician; and

28 (d) Has proficiency in the English language.

29 Any **graduate of a** medical school [graduate] who could have
30 applied for licensure and complied with the provisions of
31 this subdivision at any time between August 28, 2014, and
32 August 28, 2017, may apply for licensure and shall be deemed
33 in compliance with the provisions of this subdivision;

34 (2) "Assistant physician collaborative practice
35 arrangement", an agreement between a physician and an
36 assistant physician that meets the requirements of this
37 section and section 334.037[;]

38 (3) "Medical school graduate", any person who has
39 graduated from a medical college or osteopathic medical
40 college described in section 334.031].

41 2. (1) An assistant physician collaborative practice
42 arrangement shall limit the assistant physician to providing
43 only primary care services and only in medically underserved
44 rural or urban areas of this state [or in any pilot project

45 areas established in which assistant physicians may
46 practice].

47 (2) For a physician-assistant physician team working
48 in a rural health clinic under the federal Rural Health
49 Clinic Services Act, P.L. 95-210, as amended:

50 (a) An assistant physician shall be considered a
51 physician assistant for purposes of regulations of the
52 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and

53 (b) No supervision requirements in addition to the
54 minimum federal law shall be required.

55 3. (1) For purposes of this section, the licensure of
56 assistant physicians shall take place within processes
57 established by rules of the state board of registration for
58 the healing arts. The board of healing arts is authorized
59 to establish rules under chapter 536 establishing licensure
60 and renewal procedures, supervision, collaborative practice
61 arrangements, fees, and addressing such other matters as are
62 necessary to protect the public and discipline the
63 profession. No licensure fee for an assistant physician
64 shall exceed the amount of any licensure fee for a physician
65 assistant. An application for licensure may be denied or
66 the licensure of an assistant physician may be suspended or
67 revoked by the board in the same manner and for violation of
68 the standards as set forth by section 334.100, or such other
69 standards of conduct set by the board by rule. No rule or
70 regulation shall require an assistant physician to complete
71 more hours of continuing medical education than that of a
72 licensed physician.

73 (2) Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
74 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
75 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
76 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the

77 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
78 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
79 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under
80 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
81 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
82 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
83 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be
84 invalid and void.

85 (3) Any rules or regulations regarding assistant
86 physicians in effect as of the effective date of this
87 section that conflict with the provisions of this section
88 and section 334.037 shall be null and void as of the
89 effective date of this section.

90 4. An assistant physician shall clearly identify
91 himself or herself as an assistant physician and shall be
92 permitted to use the terms "doctor", "Dr.", or "doc". No
93 assistant physician shall practice or attempt to practice
94 without an assistant physician collaborative practice
95 arrangement, except as otherwise provided in this section
96 and in an emergency situation.

97 5. The collaborating physician is responsible at all
98 times for the oversight of the activities of and accepts
99 responsibility for primary care services rendered by the
100 assistant physician.

101 6. The provisions of section 334.037 shall apply to
102 all assistant physician collaborative practice
103 arrangements. Any renewal of licensure under this section
104 shall include verification of actual practice under a
105 collaborative practice arrangement in accordance with this
106 subsection during the immediately preceding licensure period.

107 7. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that
108 offers or issues health benefit plans that are delivered,

109 issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state
110 shall reimburse an assistant physician for the diagnosis,
111 consultation, or treatment of an insured or enrollee on the
112 same basis that the health carrier or health benefit plan
113 covers the service when it is delivered by another
114 comparable mid-level health care provider including, but not
115 limited to, a physician assistant.

334.043. [Upon the applicant paying a fee equivalent
2 to the required examination fee and furnishing the board
3 with all locations of previous practice and licensure in
4 chronological order, the board shall, under regulations
5 prescribed by it, admit without examination qualified
6 persons who meet the requirements of this state including,
7 but not limited to, sections 334.031, 334.035 and 334.040,
8 and who hold certificates of licensure in any state or
9 territory of the United States or the District of Columbia
10 authorizing them to practice in the same manner and to the
11 same extent as physicians and surgeons are authorized to
12 practice by this chapter. Within the limits of this
13 section, the board is authorized and empowered to negotiate
14 reciprocal compacts with licensing boards of other states
15 for admission of licensed practitioners from Missouri in
16 other states] 1. **For purposes of this section, the
17 following terms mean:**

18 (1) **"Board", the state board of registration for the
19 healing arts in the state of Missouri;**

20 (2) **"License", a license, certificate, registration,
21 permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty
22 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or
23 profession in a particular jurisdiction;**

24 (3) **"Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,
25 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,**

26 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military
27 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed
28 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and
29 auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military
30 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

31 (4) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident
32 spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the
33 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
34 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been
35 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent
36 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,
37 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-
38 of-station basis;

39 (5) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency,
40 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

41 (6) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active
42 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has
43 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the
44 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a
45 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is
46 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as
47 his or her home of record.

48 2. Any person who holds a valid current physician and
49 surgeon license issued by another state, a branch or unit of
50 the military, a territory of the United States, or the
51 District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at least
52 one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the board
53 an application for a physician and surgeon license in
54 Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof of
55 licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.

56 3. The board shall:

57 (1) Within six months of receiving an application
58 described in subsection 2 of this section, waive any
59 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
60 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines
61 that there were minimum education requirements and, if
62 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision
63 requirements in effect and the other jurisdiction verifies
64 that the person met those requirements in order to be
65 licensed or certified in that jurisdiction. The board may
66 require an applicant to take and pass an examination
67 specific to the laws of this state; or

68 (2) Within thirty days of receiving an application
69 described in subsection 2 of this section from a nonresident
70 military spouse or a resident military spouse, waive any
71 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
72 licensure in this state for the applicant and issue such
73 applicant a license under this section if such applicant
74 otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

75 4. (1) The board shall not waive any examination,
76 educational, or experience requirements for any applicant
77 who has had his or her license revoked by an oversight body
78 outside the state; who is currently under investigation, who
79 has a complaint pending, or who is currently under
80 disciplinary action, except as provided in subdivision (2)
81 of this subsection, with an oversight body outside the
82 state; who does not hold a license in good standing with an
83 oversight body outside the state; who has a criminal record
84 that would disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri;
85 or who does not hold a valid current license in the other
86 jurisdiction on the date the board receives his or her
87 application under this section.

88 (2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary
89 action against an applicant, the board shall determine if
90 the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
91 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that
92 jurisdiction, the board may deny a license until the matter
93 is resolved.

94 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the board
95 from denying a license to an applicant under this section
96 for any reason described in section 334.100.

97 6. Any person who is licensed under the provisions of
98 this section shall be subject to the board's jurisdiction
99 and all rules and regulations pertaining to the practice as
100 a physician and surgeon in this state.

101 7. This section shall not be construed to waive any
102 requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

334.100. 1. The board may refuse to issue or renew
2 any certificate of registration or authority, permit or
3 license required pursuant to this chapter for one or any
4 combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this
5 section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of
6 the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant
7 of the applicant's right to file a complaint with the
8 administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter
9 621. As an alternative to a refusal to issue or renew any
10 certificate, registration or authority, the board may, at
11 its discretion, issue a license which is subject to
12 probation, restriction or limitation to an applicant for
13 licensure for any one or any combination of causes stated in
14 subsection 2 of this section. The board's order of
15 probation, limitation or restriction shall contain a
16 statement of the discipline imposed, the basis therefor, the
17 date such action shall become effective, and a statement

18 that the applicant has thirty days to request in writing a
19 hearing before the administrative hearing commission. If
20 the board issues a probationary, limited or restricted
21 license to an applicant for licensure, either party may file
22 a written petition with the administrative hearing
23 commission within thirty days of the effective date of the
24 probationary, limited or restricted license seeking review
25 of the board's determination. If no written request for a
26 hearing is received by the administrative hearing commission
27 within the thirty-day period, the right to seek review of
28 the board's decision shall be considered as waived.

29 2. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with
30 the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter
31 621 against any holder of any certificate of registration or
32 authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any
33 person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the
34 person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or
35 license for any one or any combination of the following
36 causes:

37 (1) Use of any controlled substance, as defined in
38 chapter 195, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such
39 use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any
40 profession licensed or regulated by this chapter;

41 (2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found
42 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a
43 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the
44 United States, for any offense reasonably related to the
45 qualifications, functions or duties of any profession
46 licensed or regulated pursuant to this chapter, for any
47 offense involving fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence,
48 or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not
49 sentence is imposed;

50 (3) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or
51 bribery in securing any certificate of registration or
52 authority, permit or license issued pursuant to this chapter
53 or in obtaining permission to take any examination given or
54 required pursuant to this chapter;

55 (4) Misconduct, fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty,
56 unethical conduct or unprofessional conduct in the
57 performance of the functions or duties of any profession
58 licensed or regulated by this chapter, including, but not
59 limited to, the following:

60 (a) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge,
61 tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or
62 misrepresentation; willfully and continually overcharging or
63 overtreating patients; or charging for visits to the
64 physician's office which did not occur unless the services
65 were contracted for in advance, or for services which were
66 not rendered or documented in the patient's records;

67 (b) Attempting, directly or indirectly, by way of
68 intimidation, coercion or deception, to obtain or retain a
69 patient or discourage the use of a second opinion or
70 consultation;

71 (c) Willfully and continually performing inappropriate
72 or unnecessary treatment, diagnostic tests or medical or
73 surgical services;

74 (d) Delegating professional responsibilities to a
75 person who is not qualified by training, skill, competency,
76 age, experience or licensure to perform such
77 responsibilities;

78 (e) Misrepresenting that any disease, ailment or
79 infirmity can be cured by a method, procedure, treatment,
80 medicine or device;

81 (f) Performing or prescribing medical services which
82 have been declared by board rule to be of no medical or
83 osteopathic value;

84 (g) Final disciplinary action by any professional
85 medical or osteopathic association or society or licensed
86 hospital or medical staff of such hospital in this or any
87 other state or territory, whether agreed to voluntarily or
88 not, and including, but not limited to, any removal,
89 suspension, limitation, or restriction of the person's
90 license or staff or hospital privileges, failure to renew
91 such privileges or license for cause, or other final
92 disciplinary action, if the action was in any way related to
93 unprofessional conduct, professional incompetence,
94 malpractice or any other violation of any provision of this
95 chapter;

96 (h) Signing a blank prescription form; or dispensing,
97 prescribing, administering or otherwise distributing any
98 drug, controlled substance or other treatment without
99 sufficient examination including failing to establish a
100 valid physician-patient relationship pursuant to section
101 334.108, or for other than medically accepted therapeutic or
102 experimental or investigative purposes duly authorized by a
103 state or federal agency, or not in the course of
104 professional practice, or not in good faith to relieve pain
105 and suffering, or not to cure an ailment, physical infirmity
106 or disease, except as authorized in section 334.104;

107 (i) Exercising influence within a physician-patient
108 relationship for purposes of engaging a patient in sexual
109 activity;

110 (j) Being listed on any state or federal sexual
111 offender registry;

112 (k) Terminating the medical care of a patient without
113 adequate notice or without making other arrangements for the
114 continued care of the patient;

115 (l) Failing to furnish details of a patient's medical
116 records to other treating physicians or hospitals upon
117 proper request; or failing to comply with any other law
118 relating to medical records;

119 (m) Failure of any applicant or licensee to cooperate
120 with the board during any investigation;

121 (n) Failure to comply with any subpoena or subpoena
122 duces tecum from the board or an order of the board;

123 (o) Failure to timely pay license renewal fees
124 specified in this chapter;

125 (p) Violating a probation agreement, order, or other
126 settlement agreement with this board or any other licensing
127 agency;

128 (q) Failing to inform the board of the physician's
129 current residence and business address;

130 (r) Advertising by an applicant or licensee which is
131 false or misleading, or which violates any rule of the
132 board, or which claims without substantiation the positive
133 cure of any disease, or professional superiority to or
134 greater skill than that possessed by any other physician.
135 An applicant or licensee shall also be in violation of this
136 provision if the applicant or licensee has a financial
137 interest in any organization, corporation or association
138 which issues or conducts such advertising;

139 (s) Any other conduct that is unethical or
140 unprofessional involving a minor;

141 (5) Any conduct or practice which is or might be
142 harmful or dangerous to the mental or physical health of a
143 patient or the public; or incompetency, gross negligence or

144 repeated negligence in the performance of the functions or
145 duties of any profession licensed or regulated by this
146 chapter. For the purposes of this subdivision, "repeated
147 negligence" means the failure, on more than one occasion, to
148 use that degree of skill and learning ordinarily used under
149 the same or similar circumstances by the member of the
150 applicant's or licensee's profession;

151 (6) Violation of, or attempting to violate, directly
152 or indirectly, or assisting or enabling any person to
153 violate, any provision of this chapter or chapter 324, or of
154 any lawful rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this
155 chapter or chapter 324;

156 (7) Impersonation of any person holding a certificate
157 of registration or authority, permit or license or allowing
158 any person to use his or her certificate of registration or
159 authority, permit, license or diploma from any school;

160 (8) Revocation, suspension, restriction, modification,
161 limitation, reprimand, warning, censure, probation or other
162 final disciplinary action against the holder of or applicant
163 for a license or other right to practice any profession
164 regulated by this chapter by another state, territory,
165 federal agency or country, whether or not voluntarily agreed
166 to by the licensee or applicant, including, but not limited
167 to, the denial of licensure, surrender of the license,
168 allowing the license to expire or lapse, or discontinuing or
169 limiting the practice of medicine while subject to an
170 investigation or while actually under investigation by any
171 licensing authority, medical facility, branch of the Armed
172 Forces of the United States of America, insurance company,
173 court, agency of the state or federal government, or
174 employer;

175 (9) A person is finally adjudged incapacitated or
176 disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction;

177 (10) Assisting or enabling any person to practice or
178 offer to practice any profession licensed or regulated by
179 this chapter who is not registered and currently eligible to
180 practice pursuant to this chapter; or knowingly performing
181 any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises,
182 or encourages any person to practice medicine who is not
183 registered and currently eligible to practice pursuant to
184 this chapter. A physician who works in accordance with
185 standing orders or protocols or in accordance with the
186 provisions of section 334.104 shall not be in violation of
187 this subdivision;

188 (11) Issuance of a certificate of registration or
189 authority, permit or license based upon a material mistake
190 of fact;

191 (12) Failure to display a valid certificate or license
192 if so required by this chapter or any rule promulgated
193 pursuant to this chapter;

194 (13) Violation of the drug laws or rules and
195 regulations of this state, including but not limited to any
196 provision of chapter 195, any other state, or the federal
197 government;

198 (14) Knowingly making, or causing to be made, or
199 aiding, or abetting in the making of, a false statement in
200 any birth, death or other certificate or document executed
201 in connection with the practice of the person's profession;

202 (15) Knowingly making a false statement, orally or in
203 writing to the board;

204 (16) Soliciting patronage in person or by agents or
205 representatives, or by any other means or manner, under the
206 person's own name or under the name of another person or

207 concern, actual or pretended, in such a manner as to
208 confuse, deceive, or mislead the public as to the need or
209 necessity for or appropriateness of health care services for
210 all patients, or the qualifications of an individual person
211 or persons to diagnose, render, or perform health care
212 services;

213 (17) Using, or permitting the use of, the person's
214 name under the designation of "Doctor", "Dr.", "M.D.", or
215 "D.O.", or any similar designation with reference to the
216 commercial exploitation of any goods, wares or merchandise;

217 (18) Knowingly making or causing to be made a false
218 statement or misrepresentation of a material fact, with
219 intent to defraud, for payment pursuant to the provisions of
220 chapter 208 or chapter 630 or for payment from Title XVIII
221 or Title XIX of the Social Security Act;

222 (19) Failure or refusal to properly guard against
223 contagious, infectious or communicable diseases or the
224 spread thereof; maintaining an unsanitary office or
225 performing professional services under unsanitary
226 conditions; or failure to report the existence of an
227 unsanitary condition in the office of a physician or in any
228 health care facility to the board, in writing, within thirty
229 days after the discovery thereof;

230 (20) Any candidate for licensure or person licensed to
231 practice as a physical therapist, paying or offering to pay
232 a referral fee or[, notwithstanding section 334.010 to the
233 contrary, practicing or offering to practice professional
234 physical therapy independent of the prescription and
235 direction of a person licensed and registered as a physician
236 and surgeon pursuant to this chapter, as a dentist pursuant
237 to chapter 332, as a podiatrist pursuant to chapter 330, as
238 an advanced practice registered nurse under chapter 335, or

239 any licensed and registered physician, dentist, podiatrist,
240 or advanced practice registered nurse practicing in another
241 jurisdiction, whose license is in good standing] **evaluating**
242 **or treating a patient in a manner inconsistent with section**
243 **334.506;**

244 (21) Any candidate for licensure or person licensed to
245 practice as a physical therapist, treating or attempting to
246 treat ailments or other health conditions of human beings
247 other than by professional physical therapy and as
248 authorized by sections 334.500 to 334.620;

249 (22) Any person licensed to practice as a physician or
250 surgeon, requiring, as a condition of the physician-patient
251 relationship, that the patient receive prescribed drugs,
252 devices or other professional services directly from
253 facilities of that physician's office or other entities
254 under that physician's ownership or control. A physician
255 shall provide the patient with a prescription which may be
256 taken to the facility selected by the patient and a
257 physician knowingly failing to disclose to a patient on a
258 form approved by the advisory commission for professional
259 physical therapists as established by section 334.625 which
260 is dated and signed by a patient or guardian acknowledging
261 that the patient or guardian has read and understands that
262 the physician has a pecuniary interest in a physical therapy
263 or rehabilitation service providing prescribed treatment and
264 that the prescribed treatment is available on a competitive
265 basis. This subdivision shall not apply to a referral by
266 one physician to another physician within a group of
267 physicians practicing together;

268 (23) A pattern of personal use or consumption of any
269 controlled substance unless it is prescribed, dispensed or

270 administered by another physician who is authorized by law
271 to do so;

272 (24) Habitual intoxication or dependence on alcohol,
273 evidence of which may include more than one alcohol-related
274 enforcement contact as defined by section 302.525;

275 (25) Failure to comply with a treatment program or an
276 aftercare program entered into as part of a board order,
277 settlement agreement or licensee's professional health
278 program;

279 (26) Revocation, suspension, limitation, probation, or
280 restriction of any kind whatsoever of any controlled
281 substance authority, whether agreed to voluntarily or not,
282 or voluntary termination of a controlled substance authority
283 while under investigation;

284 (27) For a physician to operate, conduct, manage, or
285 establish an abortion facility, or for a physician to
286 perform an abortion in an abortion facility, if such
287 facility comes under the definition of an ambulatory
288 surgical center pursuant to sections 197.200 to 197.240, and
289 such facility has failed to obtain or renew a license as an
290 ambulatory surgical center.

291 3. Collaborative practice arrangements, protocols and
292 standing orders shall be in writing and signed and dated by
293 a physician prior to their implementation.

294 4. After the filing of such complaint before the
295 administrative hearing commission, the proceedings shall be
296 conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621.
297 Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that
298 the grounds, provided in subsection 2 of this section, for
299 disciplinary action are met, the board may, singly or in
300 combination, warn, censure or place the person named in the
301 complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the

302 board deems appropriate for a period not to exceed ten
303 years, or may suspend the person's license, certificate or
304 permit for a period not to exceed three years, or restrict
305 or limit the person's license, certificate or permit for an
306 indefinite period of time, or revoke the person's license,
307 certificate, or permit, or administer a public or private
308 reprimand, or deny the person's application for a license,
309 or permanently withhold issuance of a license or require the
310 person to submit to the care, counseling or treatment of
311 physicians designated by the board at the expense of the
312 individual to be examined, or require the person to attend
313 such continuing educational courses and pass such
314 examinations as the board may direct.

315 5. In any order of revocation, the board may provide
316 that the person may not apply for reinstatement of the
317 person's license for a period of time ranging from two to
318 seven years following the date of the order of revocation.
319 All stay orders shall toll this time period.

320 6. Before restoring to good standing a license,
321 certificate or permit issued pursuant to this chapter which
322 has been in a revoked, suspended or inactive state for any
323 cause for more than two years, the board may require the
324 applicant to attend such continuing medical education
325 courses and pass such examinations as the board may direct.

326 7. In any investigation, hearing or other proceeding
327 to determine a licensee's or applicant's fitness to
328 practice, any record relating to any patient of the licensee
329 or applicant shall be discoverable by the board and
330 admissible into evidence, regardless of any statutory or
331 common law privilege which such licensee, applicant, record
332 custodian or patient might otherwise invoke. In addition,
333 no such licensee, applicant, or record custodian may

334 withhold records or testimony bearing upon a licensee's or
335 applicant's fitness to practice on the ground of privilege
336 between such licensee, applicant or record custodian and a
337 patient.

338 8. The act of lawfully dispensing, prescribing,
339 administering, or otherwise distributing ivermectin tablets
340 or hydroxychloroquine sulfate tablets for human use shall
341 not be grounds for denial, suspension, revocation, or other
342 disciplinary action by the board.

334.104. 1. A physician may enter into collaborative
2 practice arrangements with registered professional nurses.
3 Collaborative practice arrangements shall be in the form of
4 written agreements, jointly agreed-upon protocols, or
5 standing orders for the delivery of health care services.
6 Collaborative practice arrangements, which shall be in
7 writing, may delegate to a registered professional nurse the
8 authority to administer or dispense drugs and provide
9 treatment as long as the delivery of such health care
10 services is within the scope of practice of the registered
11 professional nurse and is consistent with that nurse's
12 skill, training and competence.

13 2. **(1)** Collaborative practice arrangements, which
14 shall be in writing, may delegate to a registered
15 professional nurse the authority to administer, dispense or
16 prescribe drugs and provide treatment if the registered
17 professional nurse is an advanced practice registered nurse
18 as defined in subdivision (2) of section 335.016.
19 Collaborative practice arrangements may delegate to an
20 advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in section
21 335.016, the authority to administer, dispense, or prescribe
22 controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of
23 section 195.017, and Schedule II - hydrocodone; except that,

24 the collaborative practice arrangement shall not delegate
25 the authority to administer any controlled substances listed
26 in Schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, or Schedule
27 II - hydrocodone for the purpose of inducing sedation or
28 general anesthesia for therapeutic, diagnostic, or surgical
29 procedures. Schedule III narcotic controlled substance and
30 Schedule II - hydrocodone prescriptions shall be limited to
31 a one hundred twenty-hour supply without refill.

32 **(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this**
33 **section to the contrary, a collaborative practice**
34 **arrangement may delegate to an advanced practice registered**
35 **nurse the authority to administer, dispense, or prescribe**
36 **Schedule II controlled substances for hospice patients;**
37 **provided, that the advanced practice registered nurse is**
38 **employed by a hospice provider certified pursuant to chapter**
39 **197 and the advanced practice registered nurse is providing**
40 **care to hospice patients pursuant to a collaborative**
41 **practice arrangement that designates the certified hospice**
42 **as a location where the advanced practice registered nurse**
43 **is authorized to practice and prescribe.**

44 **(3)** Such collaborative practice arrangements shall be
45 in the form of written agreements, jointly agreed-upon
46 protocols or standing orders for the delivery of health care
47 services.

48 **(4)** An advanced practice registered nurse may
49 prescribe buprenorphine for up to a thirty-day supply
50 without refill for patients receiving medication-assisted
51 treatment for substance use disorders under the direction of
52 the collaborating physician.

53 3. The written collaborative practice arrangement
54 shall contain at least the following provisions:

55 (1) Complete names, home and business addresses, zip
56 codes, and telephone numbers of the collaborating physician
57 and the advanced practice registered nurse;

58 (2) A list of all other offices or locations besides
59 those listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection where the
60 collaborating physician authorized the advanced practice
61 registered nurse to prescribe;

62 (3) A requirement that there shall be posted at every
63 office where the advanced practice registered nurse is
64 authorized to prescribe, in collaboration with a physician,
65 a prominently displayed disclosure statement informing
66 patients that they may be seen by an advanced practice
67 registered nurse and have the right to see the collaborating
68 physician;

69 (4) All specialty or board certifications of the
70 collaborating physician and all certifications of the
71 advanced practice registered nurse;

72 (5) The manner of collaboration between the
73 collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered
74 nurse, including how the collaborating physician and the
75 advanced practice registered nurse will:

76 (a) Engage in collaborative practice consistent with
77 each professional's skill, training, education, and
78 competence;

79 (b) Maintain geographic proximity, except **as specified**
80 **in this paragraph. The following provisions shall apply**
81 **with respect to this requirement:**

82 a. **Until August 28, 2025, an advanced practice**
83 **registered nurse providing services in a correctional**
84 **center, as defined in section 217.010, and his or her**
85 **collaborating physician shall satisfy the geographic**
86 **proximity requirement if they practice within two hundred**

87 miles by road of one another. An incarcerated patient who
88 requests or requires a physician consultation shall be
89 treated by a physician as soon as appropriate;

90 **b.** The collaborative practice arrangement may allow
91 for geographic proximity to be waived for a maximum of
92 twenty-eight days per calendar year for rural health clinics
93 as defined by P.L. 95-210 **(42 U.S.C. Section 1395x, as**
94 **amended)**, as long as the collaborative practice arrangement
95 includes alternative plans as required in paragraph (c) of
96 this subdivision. This exception to geographic proximity
97 shall apply only to independent rural health clinics,
98 provider-based rural health clinics where the provider is a
99 critical access hospital as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section
100 1395i-4, and provider-based rural health clinics where the
101 main location of the hospital sponsor is greater than fifty
102 miles from the clinic[.];

103 **c.** The collaborative practice arrangement may allow
104 for geographic proximity to be waived when the arrangement
105 outlines the use of telehealth, as defined in section
106 191.1145;

107 **d.** In addition to the waivers and exemptions provided
108 in this subsection, an application for a waiver for any
109 other reason of any applicable geographic proximity shall be
110 available if a physician is collaborating with an advanced
111 practice registered nurse in excess of any geographic
112 proximity limit. The board of nursing and the state board
113 of registration for the healing arts shall review each
114 application for a waiver of geographic proximity and approve
115 the application if the boards determine that adequate
116 supervision exists between the collaborating physician and
117 the advanced practice registered nurse. The boards shall
118 have forty-five calendar days to review the completed

119 application for the waiver of geographic proximity. If no
120 action is taken by the boards within forty-five days after
121 the submission of the application for a waiver, then the
122 application shall be deemed approved. If the application is
123 denied by the boards, the provisions of section 536.063 for
124 contested cases shall apply and govern proceedings for
125 appellate purposes; and

126 e. The collaborating physician is required to maintain
127 documentation related to this requirement and to present it
128 to the state board of registration for the healing arts when
129 requested; and

130 (c) Provide coverage during absence, incapacity,
131 infirmity, or emergency by the collaborating physician;

132 (6) A description of the advanced practice registered
133 nurse's controlled substance prescriptive authority in
134 collaboration with the physician, including a list of the
135 controlled substances the physician authorizes the nurse to
136 prescribe and documentation that it is consistent with each
137 professional's education, knowledge, skill, and competence;

138 (7) A list of all other written practice agreements of
139 the collaborating physician and the advanced practice
140 registered nurse;

141 (8) The duration of the written practice agreement
142 between the collaborating physician and the advanced
143 practice registered nurse;

144 (9) A description of the time and manner of the
145 collaborating physician's review of the advanced practice
146 registered nurse's delivery of health care services. The
147 description shall include provisions that the advanced
148 practice registered nurse shall submit a minimum of ten
149 percent of the charts documenting the advanced practice
150 registered nurse's delivery of health care services to the

151 collaborating physician for review by the collaborating
152 physician, or any other physician designated in the
153 collaborative practice arrangement, every fourteen days;
154 [and]

155 (10) The collaborating physician, or any other
156 physician designated in the collaborative practice
157 arrangement, shall review every fourteen days a minimum of
158 twenty percent of the charts in which the advanced practice
159 registered nurse prescribes controlled substances. The
160 charts reviewed under this subdivision may be counted in the
161 number of charts required to be reviewed under subdivision
162 (9) of this subsection; **and**

163 (11) **If a collaborative practice arrangement is used**
164 **in clinical situations where a collaborating advanced**
165 **practice registered nurse provides health care services that**
166 **include the diagnosis and initiation of treatment for**
167 **acutely or chronically ill or injured persons, then the**
168 **collaborating physician or any other physician designated in**
169 **the collaborative practice arrangement shall be present for**
170 **sufficient periods of time, at least once every two weeks,**
171 **except in extraordinary circumstances that shall be**
172 **documented, to participate in a chart review and to provide**
173 **necessary medical direction, medical services,**
174 **consultations, and supervision of the health care staff.**

175 4. The state board of registration for the healing
176 arts pursuant to section 334.125 and the board of nursing
177 pursuant to section 335.036 may jointly promulgate rules
178 regulating the use of collaborative practice arrangements.
179 Such rules shall be limited to [specifying geographic areas
180 to be covered,] the methods of treatment that may be covered
181 by collaborative practice arrangements and the requirements
182 for review of services provided pursuant to collaborative

183 practice arrangements including delegating authority to
184 prescribe controlled substances. **Any rules relating to**
185 **geographic proximity shall allow a collaborating physician**
186 **and a collaborating advanced practice registered nurse to**
187 **practice within two hundred miles by road of one another**
188 **until August 28, 2025, if the nurse is providing services in**
189 **a correctional center, as defined in section 217.010.** Any
190 rules relating to dispensing or distribution of medications
191 or devices by prescription or prescription drug orders under
192 this section shall be subject to the approval of the state
193 board of pharmacy. Any rules relating to dispensing or
194 distribution of controlled substances by prescription or
195 prescription drug orders under this section shall be subject
196 to the approval of the department of health and senior
197 services and the state board of pharmacy. In order to take
198 effect, such rules shall be approved by a majority vote of a
199 quorum of each board. Neither the state board of
200 registration for the healing arts nor the board of nursing
201 may separately promulgate rules relating to collaborative
202 practice arrangements. Such jointly promulgated rules shall
203 be consistent with guidelines for federally funded clinics.
204 The rulemaking authority granted in this subsection shall
205 not extend to collaborative practice arrangements of
206 hospital employees providing inpatient care within hospitals
207 as defined pursuant to chapter 197 or population-based
208 public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150-5.100 as of
209 April 30, 2008.

210 5. The state board of registration for the healing
211 arts shall not deny, revoke, suspend or otherwise take
212 disciplinary action against a physician for health care
213 services delegated to a registered professional nurse
214 provided the provisions of this section and the rules

215 promulgated thereunder are satisfied. Upon the written
216 request of a physician subject to a disciplinary action
217 imposed as a result of an agreement between a physician and
218 a registered professional nurse or registered physician
219 assistant, whether written or not, prior to August 28, 1993,
220 all records of such disciplinary licensure action and all
221 records pertaining to the filing, investigation or review of
222 an alleged violation of this chapter incurred as a result of
223 such an agreement shall be removed from the records of the
224 state board of registration for the healing arts and the
225 division of professional registration and shall not be
226 disclosed to any public or private entity seeking such
227 information from the board or the division. The state board
228 of registration for the healing arts shall take action to
229 correct reports of alleged violations and disciplinary
230 actions as described in this section which have been
231 submitted to the National Practitioner Data Bank. In
232 subsequent applications or representations relating to his
233 **or her** medical practice, a physician completing forms or
234 documents shall not be required to report any actions of the
235 state board of registration for the healing arts for which
236 the records are subject to removal under this section.

237 6. Within thirty days of any change and on each
238 renewal, the state board of registration for the healing
239 arts shall require every physician to identify whether the
240 physician is engaged in any collaborative practice
241 **[agreement] arrangement**, including collaborative practice
242 **[agreements] arrangements** delegating the authority to
243 prescribe controlled substances, or physician assistant
244 **[agreement] collaborative practice arrangement** and also
245 report to the board the name of each licensed professional
246 with whom the physician has entered into such **[agreement]**

247 **arrangement.** The board [may] **shall** make this information
248 available to the public. The board shall track the reported
249 information and may routinely conduct random reviews of such
250 [agreements] **arrangements** to ensure that [agreements]
251 **arrangements** are carried out for compliance under this
252 chapter.

253 7. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a
254 certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in
255 subdivision (8) of section 335.016 shall be permitted to
256 provide anesthesia services without a collaborative practice
257 arrangement provided that he or she is under the supervision
258 of an anesthesiologist or other physician, dentist, or
259 podiatrist who is immediately available if needed. Nothing
260 in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit or prevent
261 a certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in
262 subdivision (8) of section 335.016 from entering into a
263 collaborative practice arrangement under this section,
264 except that the collaborative practice arrangement may not
265 delegate the authority to prescribe any controlled
266 substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of section
267 195.017, or Schedule II - hydrocodone.

268 8. A collaborating physician shall not enter into a
269 collaborative practice arrangement with more than six full-
270 time equivalent advanced practice registered nurses, full-
271 time equivalent licensed physician assistants, or full-time
272 equivalent assistant physicians, or any combination
273 thereof. This limitation shall not apply to collaborative
274 arrangements of hospital employees providing inpatient care
275 service in hospitals as defined in chapter 197 or population-
276 based public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150-5.100
277 as of April 30, 2008, or to a certified registered nurse
278 anesthetist providing anesthesia services under the

279 supervision of an anesthesiologist or other physician,
280 dentist, or podiatrist who is immediately available if
281 needed as set out in subsection 7 of this section.

282 9. It is the responsibility of the collaborating
283 physician to determine and document the completion of at
284 least a one-month period of time during which the advanced
285 practice registered nurse shall practice with the
286 collaborating physician continuously present before
287 practicing in a setting where the collaborating physician is
288 not continuously present. This limitation shall not apply
289 to collaborative arrangements of providers of population-
290 based public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150-5.100
291 as of April 30, 2008, **or to collaborative practice**
292 **arrangements between a primary care physician and a primary**
293 **care advanced practice registered nurse or a behavioral**
294 **health physician and a behavioral health advanced practice**
295 **registered nurse, where the collaborating physician is new**
296 **to a patient population to which the advanced practice**
297 **registered nurse is familiar.**

298 10. No agreement made under this section shall
299 supersede current hospital licensing regulations governing
300 hospital medication orders under protocols or standing
301 orders for the purpose of delivering inpatient or emergency
302 care within a hospital as defined in section 197.020 if such
303 protocols or standing orders have been approved by the
304 hospital's medical staff and pharmaceutical therapeutics
305 committee.

306 11. No contract or other **[agreement]** **term of**
307 **employment** shall require a physician to act as a
308 collaborating physician for an advanced practice registered
309 nurse against the physician's will. A physician shall have
310 the right to refuse to act as a collaborating physician,

311 without penalty, for a particular advanced practice
312 registered nurse. No contract or other agreement shall
313 limit the collaborating physician's ultimate authority over
314 any protocols or standing orders or in the delegation of the
315 physician's authority to any advanced practice registered
316 nurse, but this requirement shall not authorize a physician
317 in implementing such protocols, standing orders, or
318 delegation to violate applicable standards for safe medical
319 practice established by hospital's medical staff.

320 12. No contract or other **[agreement]** **term of**
321 **employment** shall require any advanced practice registered
322 nurse to serve as a collaborating advanced practice
323 registered nurse for any collaborating physician against the
324 advanced practice registered nurse's will. An advanced
325 practice registered nurse shall have the right to refuse to
326 collaborate, without penalty, with a particular physician.

334.506. 1. As used in this section, **the following**
2 **terms mean:**

3 (1) "Approved health care provider" **[means]**, a person
4 holding a current and active license as a physician and
5 surgeon under this chapter, a chiropractor under chapter
6 331, a dentist under chapter 332, a podiatrist under chapter
7 330, a physician assistant under this chapter, an advanced
8 practice registered nurse under chapter 335, or any licensed
9 and registered physician, chiropractor, dentist, or
10 podiatrist practicing in another jurisdiction whose license
11 is in good standing;

12 (2) "Consult" or "consultation", **communication by**
13 **telephone, by fax, in writing, or in person with the**
14 **patient's personally approved licensed health care provider**
15 **or a licensed health care provider of the patient's**
16 **designation.**

17 2. A physical therapist [shall not] **may evaluate and**
18 **initiate treatment [for a new injury or illness] on a**
19 **patient** without a prescription **or referral** from an approved
20 health care provider, **provided that the physical therapist**
21 **has a doctorate of physical therapy degree or has five years**
22 **of clinical practice as a physical therapist.**

23 3. A physical therapist may provide educational
24 resources and training, develop fitness or wellness programs
25 [for asymptomatic persons], or provide screening or
26 consultative services within the scope of physical therapy
27 practice without [the] a prescription [and direction of] **or**
28 **referral from** an approved health care provider.

29 4. [A physical therapist may examine and treat without
30 the prescription and direction of an approved health care
31 provider any person with a recurring self-limited injury
32 within one year of diagnosis by an approved health care
33 provider or a chronic illness that has been previously
34 diagnosed by an approved health care provider. The physical
35 therapist shall:]

36 (1) [Contact the patient's current approved health
37 care provider within seven days of initiating physical
38 therapy services under this subsection;] **A physical**
39 **therapist shall refer to an approved health care provider**
40 **any patient whose condition at the time of evaluation or**
41 **treatment is determined to be beyond the scope of practice**
42 **of physical therapy. The physical therapist shall not**
43 **provide physical therapy services or treatment after this**
44 **referral has been made.**

45 (2) [Not change an existing physical therapy referral
46 available to the physical therapist without approval of the
47 patient's current approved health care provider;] **A physical**
48 **therapist shall refer to an approved health care provider**

49 any patient who does not demonstrate measurable or
50 functional improvement after ten visits or thirty days,
51 whichever occurs first. The physical therapist shall not
52 provide further therapy services or treatment after this
53 referral has been made.

54 (3) [Refer to an approved health care provider any
55 patient whose medical condition at the time of examination
56 or treatment is determined to be beyond the scope of
57 practice of physical therapy;

58 (4) Refer to an approved health care provider any
59 patient whose condition for which physical therapy services
60 are rendered under this subsection has not been documented
61 to be progressing toward documented treatment goals after
62 six visits or fourteen days, whichever first occurs;

63 (5) Notify the patient's current approved health care
64 provider prior to the continuation of treatment if treatment
65 rendered under this subsection is to continue beyond thirty
66 days. The physical therapist shall provide such
67 notification for each successive period of thirty days.]

68 (a) A physical therapist shall consult with an approved
69 health care provider if, after every ten visits or thirty
70 days, whichever occurs first, the patient has demonstrated
71 measurable or functional improvement from the course of
72 physical therapy services or treatment provided and the
73 physical therapist believes that continuation of the course
74 of physical therapy services or treatment is reasonable and
75 necessary based on the physical therapist's evaluation of
76 the patient. The physical therapist shall not provide
77 further physical therapy services or treatment until the
78 consultation has occurred.

79 (b) The consultation with the approved health care
80 provider shall include information concerning:

81 a. The patient's condition for which physical therapy
82 services or treatments were provided;

83 b. The basis for the course of services or treatment
84 indicated, as determined from the physical therapy
85 evaluation of the patient;

86 c. The physical therapy services or treatment provided
87 before the date of the consultation;

88 d. The patient's demonstrated measurable or functional
89 improvement from the services or treatment provided before
90 the date of the consultation;

91 e. The continuing physical therapy services or
92 treatment proposed to be provided following the
93 consultation; and

94 f. The professional physical therapy basis for the
95 continued physical therapy services or treatment to be
96 provided.

97 (c) Continued physical therapy services or treatment
98 following the consultation with and approval by an approved
99 health care provider shall proceed in accordance with any
100 feedback, advice, opinion, or direction of the approved
101 health care provider. The physical therapist shall notify
102 the consulting approved health care provider of continuing
103 physical therapy services or treatment and the patient's
104 progress at least every ten visits or thirty days after the
105 initial consultation unless the consulting approved health
106 care provider directs otherwise.

107 (d) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply
108 to physical therapy services performed within a primary or
109 secondary school for individuals within ages not in excess
110 of twenty-one years.

111 5. The provision of physical therapy services of
112 evaluation and screening pursuant to this section shall be

113 limited to a physical therapist, and any authority for
114 evaluation and screening granted within this section may not
115 be delegated. Upon each reinitiation of physical therapy
116 services, a physical therapist shall provide a full physical
117 therapy evaluation prior to the reinitiation of physical
118 therapy treatment. [Physical therapy treatment provided
119 pursuant to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section
120 may be delegated by physical therapists to physical
121 therapist assistants only if the patient's current approved
122 health care provider has been so informed as part of the
123 physical therapist's seven-day notification upon
124 reinitiation of physical therapy services as required in
125 subsection 4 of this section.] Nothing in this subsection
126 shall be construed as to limit the ability of physical
127 therapists or physical therapist assistants to provide
128 physical therapy services in accordance with the provisions
129 of this chapter, and upon the referral of an approved health
130 care provider. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an
131 approved health care provider from acting within the scope
132 of their practice as defined by the applicable chapters of
133 RSMo.

134 6. No person licensed to practice, or applicant for
135 licensure, as a physical therapist or physical therapist
136 assistant shall make a medical diagnosis.

137 7. A physical therapist shall only delegate physical
138 therapy treatment to a physical therapist assistant or to a
139 person in an entry level of a professional education program
140 approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical
141 Therapy Education (CAPTE) who satisfies supervised clinical
142 education requirements related to the person's physical
143 therapist or physical therapist assistant education. The

144 entry-level person shall be under the supervision of a
145 physical therapist.

334.613. 1. The board may refuse to issue or renew a
2 license to practice as a physical therapist or physical
3 therapist assistant for one or any combination of causes
4 stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board shall
5 notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the
6 refusal and shall advise the applicant of the applicant's
7 right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing
8 commission as provided by chapter 621. As an alternative to
9 a refusal to issue or renew a license to practice as a
10 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, the
11 board may, at its discretion, issue a license which is
12 subject to probation, restriction, or limitation to an
13 applicant for licensure for any one or any combination of
14 causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board's
15 order of probation, limitation, or restriction shall contain
16 a statement of the discipline imposed, the basis therefor,
17 the date such action shall become effective, and a statement
18 that the applicant has thirty days to request in writing a
19 hearing before the administrative hearing commission. If
20 the board issues a probationary, limited, or restricted
21 license to an applicant for licensure, either party may file
22 a written petition with the administrative hearing
23 commission within thirty days of the effective date of the
24 probationary, limited, or restricted license seeking review
25 of the board's determination. If no written request for a
26 hearing is received by the administrative hearing commission
27 within the thirty-day period, the right to seek review of
28 the board's decision shall be considered as waived.

29 2. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with
30 the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter

31 621 against any holder of a license to practice as a
32 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has
33 failed to renew or has surrendered his or her license for
34 any one or any combination of the following causes:

35 (1) Use of any controlled substance, as defined in
36 chapter 195, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such
37 use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of a
38 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant;

39 (2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found
40 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a
41 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the
42 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly
43 related to the duties and responsibilities of the
44 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of
45 whether or not sentence is imposed;

46 (3) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation, or
47 bribery in securing any certificate of registration or
48 authority, permit, or license issued under this chapter or
49 in obtaining permission to take any examination given or
50 required under this chapter;

51 (4) Misconduct, fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty,
52 unethical conduct, or unprofessional conduct in the
53 performance of the functions or duties of a physical
54 therapist or physical therapist assistant, including but not
55 limited to the following:

56 (a) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge,
57 tuition, or other compensation by fraud, deception, or
58 misrepresentation; willfully and continually overcharging or
59 overtreating patients; or charging for sessions of physical
60 therapy which did not occur unless the services were
61 contracted for in advance, or for services which were not
62 rendered or documented in the patient's records;

63 (b) Attempting, directly or indirectly, by way of
64 intimidation, coercion, or deception, to obtain or retain a
65 patient or discourage the use of a second opinion or
66 consultation;

67 (c) Willfully and continually performing inappropriate
68 or unnecessary treatment or services;

69 (d) Delegating professional responsibilities to a
70 person who is not qualified by training, skill, competency,
71 age, experience, or licensure to perform such
72 responsibilities;

73 (e) Misrepresenting that any disease, ailment, or
74 infirmity can be cured by a method, procedure, treatment,
75 medicine, or device;

76 (f) Performing services which have been declared by
77 board rule to be of no physical therapy value;

78 (g) Final disciplinary action by any professional
79 association, professional society, licensed hospital or
80 medical staff of the hospital, or physical therapy facility
81 in this or any other state or territory, whether agreed to
82 voluntarily or not, and including but not limited to any
83 removal, suspension, limitation, or restriction of the
84 person's professional employment, malpractice, or any other
85 violation of any provision of this chapter;

86 (h) Administering treatment without sufficient
87 examination, or for other than medically accepted
88 therapeutic or experimental or investigative purposes duly
89 authorized by a state or federal agency, or not in the
90 course of professional physical therapy practice;

91 (i) Engaging in or soliciting sexual relationships,
92 whether consensual or nonconsensual, while a physical
93 therapist or physical therapist assistant/patient
94 relationship exists; making sexual advances, requesting

95 sexual favors, or engaging in other verbal conduct or
96 physical contact of a sexual nature with patients or clients;

97 (j) Terminating the care of a patient without adequate
98 notice or without making other arrangements for the
99 continued care of the patient;

100 (k) Failing to furnish details of a patient's physical
101 therapy records to treating physicians, other physical
102 therapists, or hospitals upon proper request; or failing to
103 comply with any other law relating to physical therapy
104 records;

105 (l) Failure of any applicant or licensee, other than
106 the licensee subject to the investigation, to cooperate with
107 the board during any investigation;

108 (m) Failure to comply with any subpoena or subpoena
109 duces tecum from the board or an order of the board;

110 (n) Failure to timely pay license renewal fees
111 specified in this chapter;

112 (o) Violating a probation agreement with this board or
113 any other licensing agency;

114 (p) Failing to inform the board of the physical
115 therapist's or physical therapist assistant's current
116 telephone number, residence, and business address;

117 (q) Advertising by an applicant or licensee which is
118 false or misleading, or which violates any rule of the
119 board, or which claims without substantiation the positive
120 cure of any disease, or professional superiority to or
121 greater skill than that possessed by any other physical
122 therapist or physical therapist assistant. An applicant or
123 licensee shall also be in violation of this provision if the
124 applicant or licensee has a financial interest in any
125 organization, corporation, or association which issues or
126 conducts such advertising;

127 (5) Any conduct or practice which is or might be
128 harmful or dangerous to the mental or physical health of a
129 patient or the public; or incompetency, gross negligence, or
130 repeated negligence in the performance of the functions or
131 duties of a physical therapist or physical therapist
132 assistant. For the purposes of this subdivision, "repeated
133 negligence" means the failure, on more than one occasion, to
134 use that degree of skill and learning ordinarily used under
135 the same or similar circumstances by the member of the
136 applicant's or licensee's profession;

137 (6) Violation of, or attempting to violate, directly
138 or indirectly, or assisting or enabling any person to
139 violate, any provision of this chapter, or of any lawful
140 rule adopted under this chapter;

141 (7) Impersonation of any person licensed as a physical
142 therapist or physical therapist assistant or allowing any
143 person to use his or her license or diploma from any school;

144 (8) Revocation, suspension, restriction, modification,
145 limitation, reprimand, warning, censure, probation, or other
146 final disciplinary action against a physical therapist or
147 physical therapist assistant for a license or other right to
148 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist
149 assistant by another state, territory, federal agency or
150 country, whether or not voluntarily agreed to by the
151 licensee or applicant, including but not limited to the
152 denial of licensure, surrender of the license, allowing the
153 license to expire or lapse, or discontinuing or limiting the
154 practice of physical therapy while subject to an
155 investigation or while actually under investigation by any
156 licensing authority, medical facility, branch of the Armed
157 Forces of the United States of America, insurance company,

158 court, agency of the state or federal government, or
159 employer;

160 (9) A person is finally adjudged incapacitated or
161 disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction;

162 (10) Assisting or enabling any person to practice or
163 offer to practice who is not licensed and currently eligible
164 to practice under this chapter; or knowingly performing any
165 act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or
166 encourages any person to practice physical therapy who is
167 not licensed and currently eligible to practice under this
168 chapter;

169 (11) Issuance of a license to practice as a physical
170 therapist or physical therapist assistant based upon a
171 material mistake of fact;

172 (12) Failure to display a valid license pursuant to
173 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist
174 assistant;

175 (13) Knowingly making, or causing to be made, or
176 aiding, or abetting in the making of, a false statement in
177 any document executed in connection with the practice of
178 physical therapy;

179 (14) Soliciting patronage in person or by agents or
180 representatives, or by any other means or manner, under the
181 person's own name or under the name of another person or
182 concern, actual or pretended, in such a manner as to
183 confuse, deceive, or mislead the public as to the need or
184 necessity for or appropriateness of physical therapy
185 services for all patients, or the qualifications of an
186 individual person or persons to render, or perform physical
187 therapy services;

188 (15) Using, or permitting the use of, the person's
189 name under the designation of "physical therapist",

190 "physiotherapist", "registered physical therapist", "P.T.",
191 "Ph.T.", "P.T.T.", "D.P.T.", "M.P.T." or "R.P.T.", "physical
192 therapist assistant", "P.T.A.", "L.P.T.A.", "C.P.T.A.", or
193 any similar designation with reference to the commercial
194 exploitation of any goods, wares or merchandise;

195 (16) Knowingly making or causing to be made a false
196 statement or misrepresentation of a material fact, with
197 intent to defraud, for payment under chapter 208 or chapter
198 630 or for payment from Title XVIII or Title XIX of the
199 Social Security Act;

200 (17) Failure or refusal to properly guard against
201 contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases or the
202 spread thereof; maintaining an unsanitary facility or
203 performing professional services under unsanitary
204 conditions; or failure to report the existence of an
205 unsanitary condition in any physical therapy facility to the
206 board, in writing, within thirty days after the discovery
207 thereof;

208 (18) Any candidate for licensure or person licensed to
209 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist
210 assistant paying or offering to pay a referral fee or[,
211 notwithstanding section 334.010 to the contrary, practicing
212 or offering to practice professional physical therapy
213 independent of the prescription and direction of a person
214 licensed and registered as a physician and surgeon under
215 this chapter, as a physician assistant under this chapter,
216 as a chiropractor under chapter 331, as a dentist under
217 chapter 332, as a podiatrist under chapter 330, as an
218 advanced practice registered nurse under chapter 335, or any
219 licensed and registered physician, chiropractor, dentist,
220 podiatrist, or advanced practice registered nurse practicing
221 in another jurisdiction, whose license is in good standing]

222 **evaluating or treating a patient in a manner inconsistent**
223 **with section 334.506;**

224 (19) Any candidate for licensure or person licensed to
225 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist
226 assistant treating or attempting to treat ailments or other
227 health conditions of human beings other than by professional
228 physical therapy and as authorized by sections 334.500 to
229 334.685;

230 (20) A pattern of personal use or consumption of any
231 controlled substance unless it is prescribed, dispensed, or
232 administered by a physician who is authorized by law to do
233 so;

234 (21) Failing to maintain adequate patient records
235 under section 334.602;

236 (22) Attempting to engage in conduct that subverts or
237 undermines the integrity of the licensing examination or the
238 licensing examination process, including but not limited to
239 utilizing in any manner recalled or memorized licensing
240 examination questions from or with any person or entity,
241 failing to comply with all test center security procedures,
242 communicating or attempting to communicate with any other
243 examinees during the test, or copying or sharing licensing
244 examination questions or portions of questions;

245 (23) Any candidate for licensure or person licensed to
246 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist
247 assistant who requests, receives, participates or engages
248 directly or indirectly in the division, transferring,
249 assigning, rebating or refunding of fees received for
250 professional services or profits by means of a credit or
251 other valuable consideration such as wages, an unearned
252 commission, discount or gratuity with any person who

253 referred a patient, or with any relative or business
254 associate of the referring person;

255 (24) Being unable to practice as a physical therapist
256 or physical therapist assistant with reasonable skill and
257 safety to patients by reasons of incompetency, or because of
258 illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics,
259 chemicals, or as a result of any mental or physical
260 condition. The following shall apply to this subdivision:

261 (a) In enforcing this subdivision the board shall,
262 after a hearing by the board, upon a finding of probable
263 cause, require a physical therapist or physical therapist
264 assistant to submit to a reexamination for the purpose of
265 establishing his or her competency to practice as a physical
266 therapist or physical therapist assistant conducted in
267 accordance with rules adopted for this purpose by the board,
268 including rules to allow the examination of the pattern and
269 practice of such physical therapist's or physical therapist
270 assistant's professional conduct, or to submit to a mental
271 or physical examination or combination thereof by a facility
272 or professional approved by the board;

273 (b) For the purpose of this subdivision, every
274 physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed
275 under this chapter is deemed to have consented to submit to
276 a mental or physical examination when directed in writing by
277 the board;

278 (c) In addition to ordering a physical or mental
279 examination to determine competency, the board may,
280 notwithstanding any other law limiting access to medical or
281 other health data, obtain medical data and health records
282 relating to a physical therapist, physical therapist
283 assistant or applicant without the physical therapist's,
284 physical therapist assistant's or applicant's consent;

285 (d) Written notice of the reexamination or the
286 physical or mental examination shall be sent to the physical
287 therapist or physical therapist assistant, by registered
288 mail, addressed to the physical therapist or physical
289 therapist assistant at the physical therapist's or physical
290 therapist assistant's last known address. Failure of a
291 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to submit
292 to the examination when directed shall constitute an
293 admission of the allegations against the physical therapist
294 or physical therapist assistant, in which case the board may
295 enter a final order without the presentation of evidence,
296 unless the failure was due to circumstances beyond the
297 physical therapist's or physical therapist assistant's
298 control. A physical therapist or physical therapist
299 assistant whose right to practice has been affected under
300 this subdivision shall, at reasonable intervals, be afforded
301 an opportunity to demonstrate that the physical therapist or
302 physical therapist assistant can resume the competent
303 practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist
304 assistant with reasonable skill and safety to patients;

305 (e) In any proceeding under this subdivision neither
306 the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the
307 board shall be used against a physical therapist or physical
308 therapist assistant in any other proceeding. Proceedings
309 under this subdivision shall be conducted by the board
310 without the filing of a complaint with the administrative
311 hearing commission;

312 (f) When the board finds any person unqualified
313 because of any of the grounds set forth in this subdivision,
314 it may enter an order imposing one or more of the
315 disciplinary measures set forth in subsection 3 of this
316 section.

317 3. After the filing of such complaint before the
318 administrative hearing commission, the proceedings shall be
319 conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621.
320 Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that
321 the grounds provided in subsection 2 of this section for
322 disciplinary action are met, the board may, singly or in
323 combination:

324 (1) Warn, censure or place the physical therapist or
325 physical therapist assistant named in the complaint on
326 probation on such terms and conditions as the board deems
327 appropriate for a period not to exceed ten years;

328 (2) Suspend the physical therapist's or physical
329 therapist assistant's license for a period not to exceed
330 three years;

331 (3) Restrict or limit the physical therapist's or
332 physical therapist assistant's license for an indefinite
333 period of time;

334 (4) Revoke the physical therapist's or physical
335 therapist assistant's license;

336 (5) Administer a public or private reprimand;

337 (6) Deny the physical therapist's or physical
338 therapist assistant's application for a license;

339 (7) Permanently withhold issuance of a license;

340 (8) Require the physical therapist or physical
341 therapist assistant to submit to the care, counseling or
342 treatment of physicians designated by the board at the
343 expense of the physical therapist or physical therapist
344 assistant to be examined;

345 (9) Require the physical therapist or physical
346 therapist assistant to attend such continuing educational
347 courses and pass such examinations as the board may direct.

348 4. In any order of revocation, the board may provide
349 that the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
350 shall not apply for reinstatement of the physical
351 therapist's or physical therapist assistant's license for a
352 period of time ranging from two to seven years following the
353 date of the order of revocation. All stay orders shall toll
354 this time period.

355 5. Before restoring to good standing a license issued
356 under this chapter which has been in a revoked, suspended,
357 or inactive state for any cause for more than two years, the
358 board may require the applicant to attend such continuing
359 medical education courses and pass such examinations as the
360 board may direct.

361 6. In any investigation, hearing or other proceeding
362 to determine a physical therapist's, physical therapist
363 assistant's or applicant's fitness to practice, any record
364 relating to any patient of the physical therapist, physical
365 therapist assistant, or applicant shall be discoverable by
366 the board and admissible into evidence, regardless of any
367 statutory or common law privilege which such physical
368 therapist, physical therapist assistant, applicant, record
369 custodian, or patient might otherwise invoke. In addition,
370 no such physical therapist, physical therapist assistant,
371 applicant, or record custodian may withhold records or
372 testimony bearing upon a physical therapist's, physical
373 therapist assistant's, or applicant's fitness to practice on
374 the grounds of privilege between such physical therapist,
375 physical therapist assistant, applicant, or record custodian
376 and a patient.

334.735. 1. As used in sections 334.735 to 334.749,
2 the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Applicant", any individual who seeks to become
4 licensed as a physician assistant;

5 (2) "Certification" or "registration", a process by a
6 certifying entity that grants recognition to applicants
7 meeting predetermined qualifications specified by such
8 certifying entity;

9 (3) "Certifying entity", the nongovernmental agency or
10 association which certifies or registers individuals who
11 have completed academic and training requirements;

12 (4) "Collaborative practice arrangement", written
13 agreements, jointly agreed upon protocols, or standing
14 orders, all of which shall be in writing, for the delivery
15 of health care services;

16 (5) "Department", the department of commerce and
17 insurance or a designated agency thereof;

18 (6) "License", a document issued to an applicant by
19 the board acknowledging that the applicant is entitled to
20 practice as a physician assistant;

21 (7) "Physician assistant", a person who has graduated
22 from a physician assistant program accredited by the
23 Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the
24 Physician Assistant or its successor agency, prior to 2001,
25 or the Committee on Allied Health Education and
26 Accreditation or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied
27 Health Education Programs, who has passed the certifying
28 examination administered by the National Commission on
29 Certification of Physician Assistants and has active
30 certification by the National Commission on Certification of
31 Physician Assistants who provides health care services
32 delegated by a licensed physician. A person who has been
33 employed as a physician assistant for three years prior to
34 August 28, 1989, who has passed the National Commission on

35 Certification of Physician Assistants examination, and has
36 active certification of the National Commission on
37 Certification of Physician Assistants;

38 (8) "Recognition", the formal process of becoming a
39 certifying entity as required by the provisions of sections
40 334.735 to 334.749.

41 2. The scope of practice of a physician assistant
42 shall consist only of the following services and procedures:

43 (1) Taking patient histories;

44 (2) Performing physical examinations of a patient;

45 (3) Performing or assisting in the performance of
46 routine office laboratory and patient screening procedures;

47 (4) Performing routine therapeutic procedures;

48 (5) Recording diagnostic impressions and evaluating
49 situations calling for attention of a physician to institute
50 treatment procedures;

51 (6) Instructing and counseling patients regarding
52 mental and physical health using procedures reviewed and
53 approved by a collaborating physician;

54 (7) Assisting the supervising physician in
55 institutional settings, including reviewing of treatment
56 plans, ordering of tests and diagnostic laboratory and
57 radiological services, and ordering of therapies, using
58 procedures reviewed and approved by a licensed physician;

59 (8) Assisting in surgery; and

60 (9) Performing such other tasks not prohibited by law
61 under the collaborative practice arrangement with a licensed
62 physician as the physician assistant has been trained and is
63 proficient to perform.

64 3. Physician assistants shall not perform or prescribe
65 abortions.

66 4. Physician assistants shall not prescribe any drug,
67 medicine, device or therapy unless pursuant to a
68 collaborative practice arrangement in accordance with the
69 law, nor prescribe lenses, prisms or contact lenses for the
70 aid, relief or correction of vision or the measurement of
71 visual power or visual efficiency of the human eye, nor
72 administer or monitor general or regional block anesthesia
73 during diagnostic tests, surgery or obstetric procedures.
74 Prescribing of drugs, medications, devices or therapies by a
75 physician assistant shall be pursuant to a collaborative
76 practice arrangement which is specific to the clinical
77 conditions treated by the supervising physician and the
78 physician assistant shall be subject to the following:

79 (1) A physician assistant shall only prescribe
80 controlled substances in accordance with section 334.747;

81 (2) The types of drugs, medications, devices or
82 therapies prescribed by a physician assistant shall be
83 consistent with the scopes of practice of the physician
84 assistant and the collaborating physician;

85 (3) All prescriptions shall conform with state and
86 federal laws and regulations and shall include the name,
87 address and telephone number of the physician assistant [and
88 the supervising physician];

89 (4) A physician assistant, or advanced practice
90 registered nurse as defined in section 335.016 may request,
91 receive and sign for noncontrolled professional samples and
92 may distribute professional samples to patients; and

93 (5) A physician assistant shall not prescribe any
94 drugs, medicines, devices or therapies the collaborating
95 physician is not qualified or authorized to prescribe.

96 5. A physician assistant shall clearly identify
97 himself or herself as a physician assistant and shall not

98 use or permit to be used in the physician assistant's behalf
99 the terms "doctor", "Dr." or "doc" nor hold himself or
100 herself out in any way to be a physician or surgeon. No
101 physician assistant shall practice or attempt to practice
102 without physician collaboration or in any location where the
103 collaborating physician is not immediately available for
104 consultation, assistance and intervention, except as
105 otherwise provided in this section, and in an emergency
106 situation, nor shall any physician assistant bill a patient
107 independently or directly for any services or procedure by
108 the physician assistant; except that, nothing in this
109 subsection shall be construed to prohibit a physician
110 assistant from enrolling with a third-party plan or the
111 department of social services as a MO HealthNet or Medicaid
112 provider while acting under a collaborative practice
113 arrangement between the physician and physician assistant.

114 6. The licensing of physician assistants shall take
115 place within processes established by the state board of
116 registration for the healing arts through rule and
117 regulation. The board of healing arts is authorized to
118 establish rules pursuant to chapter 536 establishing
119 licensing and renewal procedures, collaboration,
120 collaborative practice arrangements, fees, and addressing
121 such other matters as are necessary to protect the public
122 and discipline the profession. An application for licensing
123 may be denied or the license of a physician assistant may be
124 suspended or revoked by the board in the same manner and for
125 violation of the standards as set forth by section 334.100,
126 or such other standards of conduct set by the board by rule
127 or regulation. Persons licensed pursuant to the provisions
128 of chapter 335 shall not be required to be licensed as
129 physician assistants. All applicants for physician

130 assistant licensure who complete a physician assistant
131 training program after January 1, 2008, shall have a
132 master's degree from a physician assistant program.

133 7. At all times the physician is responsible for the
134 oversight of the activities of, and accepts responsibility
135 for, health care services rendered by the physician
136 assistant.

137 8. A physician may enter into collaborative practice
138 arrangements with physician assistants. Collaborative
139 practice arrangements, which shall be in writing, may
140 delegate to a physician assistant the authority to
141 prescribe, administer, or dispense drugs and provide
142 treatment which is within the skill, training, and
143 competence of the physician assistant. Collaborative
144 practice arrangements may delegate to a physician assistant,
145 as defined in section 334.735, the authority to administer,
146 dispense, or prescribe controlled substances listed in
147 Schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, and Schedule
148 II - hydrocodone. Schedule III narcotic controlled
149 substances and Schedule II - hydrocodone prescriptions shall
150 be limited to a one hundred twenty-hour supply without
151 refill. Such collaborative practice arrangements shall be
152 in the form of a written arrangement, jointly agreed-upon
153 protocols, or standing orders for the delivery of health
154 care services.

155 9. The written collaborative practice arrangement
156 shall contain at least the following provisions:

157 (1) Complete names, home and business addresses, zip
158 codes, and telephone numbers of the collaborating physician
159 and the physician assistant;

160 (2) A list of all other offices or locations, other
161 than those listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection,

162 where the collaborating physician has authorized the
163 physician assistant to prescribe;

164 (3) A requirement that there shall be posted at every
165 office where the physician assistant is authorized to
166 prescribe, in collaboration with a physician, a prominently
167 displayed disclosure statement informing patients that they
168 may be seen by a physician assistant and have the right to
169 see the collaborating physician;

170 (4) All specialty or board certifications of the
171 collaborating physician and all certifications of the
172 physician assistant;

173 (5) The manner of collaboration between the
174 collaborating physician and the physician assistant,
175 including how the collaborating physician and the physician
176 assistant will:

177 (a) Engage in collaborative practice consistent with
178 each professional's skill, training, education, and
179 competence;

180 (b) Maintain geographic proximity, as determined by
181 the board of registration for the healing arts; and

182 (c) Provide coverage during absence, incapacity,
183 infirmity, or emergency of the collaborating physician;

184 (6) A list of all other written collaborative practice
185 arrangements of the collaborating physician and the
186 physician assistant;

187 (7) The duration of the written practice arrangement
188 between the collaborating physician and the physician
189 assistant;

190 (8) A description of the time and manner of the
191 collaborating physician's review of the physician
192 assistant's delivery of health care services. The
193 description shall include provisions that the physician

194 assistant shall submit a minimum of ten percent of the
195 charts documenting the physician assistant's delivery of
196 health care services to the collaborating physician for
197 review by the collaborating physician, or any other
198 physician designated in the collaborative practice
199 arrangement, every fourteen days. Reviews may be conducted
200 electronically;

201 (9) The collaborating physician, or any other
202 physician designated in the collaborative practice
203 arrangement, shall review every fourteen days a minimum of
204 twenty percent of the charts in which the physician
205 assistant prescribes controlled substances. The charts
206 reviewed under this subdivision may be counted in the number
207 of charts required to be reviewed under subdivision (8) of
208 this subsection; and

209 (10) A statement that no collaboration requirements in
210 addition to the federal law shall be required for a
211 physician-physician assistant team working in a certified
212 community behavioral health clinic as defined by Pub.L. 113-
213 93, or a rural health clinic under the federal Rural Health
214 Services Act, Pub.L. 95-210, as amended, or a federally
215 qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section
216 [1395 of the Public Health Service Act] 1395x, as amended.

217 10. The state board of registration for the healing
218 arts under section 334.125 may promulgate rules regulating
219 the use of collaborative practice arrangements.

220 11. The state board of registration for the healing
221 arts shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take
222 disciplinary action against a collaborating physician for
223 health care services delegated to a physician assistant,
224 provided that the provisions of this section and the rules
225 promulgated thereunder are satisfied.

226 12. Within thirty days of any change and on each
227 renewal, the state board of registration for the healing
228 arts shall require every physician to identify whether the
229 physician is engaged in any collaborative practice
230 arrangement, including collaborative practice arrangements
231 delegating the authority to prescribe controlled substances,
232 and also report to the board the name of each physician
233 assistant with whom the physician has entered into such
234 arrangement. The board may make such information available
235 to the public. The board shall track the reported
236 information and may routinely conduct random reviews of such
237 arrangements to ensure that the arrangements are carried out
238 in compliance with this chapter.

239 13. The collaborating physician shall determine and
240 document the completion of a period of time during which the
241 physician assistant shall practice with the collaborating
242 physician continuously present before practicing in a
243 setting where the collaborating physician is not
244 continuously present. This limitation shall not apply to
245 collaborative arrangements of providers of population-based
246 public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150-5.100 as of
247 April 30, 2009.

248 14. No contract or other arrangement shall require a
249 physician to act as a collaborating physician for a
250 physician assistant against the physician's will. A
251 physician shall have the right to refuse to act as a
252 supervising physician, without penalty, for a particular
253 physician assistant. No contract or other agreement shall
254 limit the collaborating physician's ultimate authority over
255 any protocols or standing orders or in the delegation of the
256 physician's authority to any physician assistant. No
257 contract or other arrangement shall require any physician

258 assistant to collaborate with any physician against the
259 physician assistant's will. A physician assistant shall
260 have the right to refuse to collaborate, without penalty,
261 with a particular physician.

262 15. Physician assistants shall file with the board a
263 copy of their collaborating physician form.

264 16. No physician shall be designated to serve as a
265 collaborating physician for more than six full-time
266 equivalent licensed physician assistants, full-time
267 equivalent advanced practice registered nurses, or full-time
268 equivalent assistant physicians, or any combination
269 thereof. This limitation shall not apply to physician
270 assistant collaborative practice arrangements of hospital
271 employees providing inpatient care service in hospitals as
272 defined in chapter 197, or to a certified registered nurse
273 anesthetist providing anesthesia services under the
274 supervision of an anesthesiologist or other physician,
275 dentist, or podiatrist who is immediately available if
276 needed as set out in subsection 7 of section 334.104.

277 17. No arrangement made under this section shall
278 supercede current hospital licensing regulations governing
279 hospital medication orders under protocols or standing
280 orders for the purpose of delivering inpatient or emergency
281 care within a hospital, as defined in section 197.020, if
282 such protocols or standing orders have been approved by the
283 hospital's medical staff and pharmaceutical therapeutics
284 committee.

334.747. 1. A physician assistant with a certificate
2 of controlled substance prescriptive authority as provided
3 in this section may prescribe any controlled substance
4 listed in Schedule III, IV, or V of section 195.017, and may
5 have restricted authority in Schedule II, when delegated the

6 authority to prescribe controlled substances in a
7 collaborative practice arrangement. Such authority shall be
8 listed on the collaborating physician form on file with the
9 state board of healing arts. The collaborating physician
10 shall maintain the right to limit a specific scheduled drug
11 or scheduled drug category that the physician assistant is
12 permitted to prescribe. Any limitations shall be listed on
13 the collaborating physician form. Prescriptions for
14 Schedule II medications prescribed by a physician assistant
15 with authority to prescribe delegated in a collaborative
16 practice arrangement are restricted to only those
17 medications containing hydrocodone. Physician assistants
18 shall not prescribe controlled substances for themselves or
19 members of their families. Schedule III **narcotic** controlled
20 substances and Schedule II - hydrocodone prescriptions shall
21 be limited to a five-day supply without refill, except that
22 buprenorphine may be prescribed for up to a thirty-day
23 supply without refill for patients receiving medication-
24 assisted treatment for substance use disorders under the
25 direction of the collaborating physician. Physician
26 assistants who are authorized to prescribe controlled
27 substances under this section shall register with the
28 federal Drug Enforcement Administration and the state bureau
29 of narcotics and dangerous drugs, and shall include the Drug
30 Enforcement Administration registration number on
31 prescriptions for controlled substances.

32 2. The collaborating physician shall be responsible to
33 determine and document the completion of at least one
34 hundred twenty hours in a four-month period by the physician
35 assistant during which the physician assistant shall
36 practice with the collaborating physician on-site prior to
37 prescribing controlled substances when the collaborating

38 physician is not on-site. Such limitation shall not apply
39 to physician assistants of population-based public health
40 services as defined in 20 CSR 2150-5.100 as of April 30,
41 2009.

42 3. A physician assistant shall receive a certificate
43 of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the
44 board of healing arts upon verification of the completion of
45 the following educational requirements:

46 (1) Successful completion of an advanced pharmacology
47 course that includes clinical training in the prescription
48 of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices. A course or
49 courses with advanced pharmacological content in a physician
50 assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review
51 Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
52 or its predecessor agency shall satisfy such requirement;

53 (2) Completion of a minimum of three hundred clock
54 hours of clinical training by the collaborating physician in
55 the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic
56 devices;

57 (3) Completion of a minimum of one year of supervised
58 clinical practice or supervised clinical rotations. One
59 year of clinical rotations in a program accredited by the
60 Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the
61 Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its predecessor agency,
62 which includes pharmacotherapeutics as a component of its
63 clinical training, shall satisfy such requirement. Proof of
64 such training shall serve to document experience in the
65 prescribing of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices;

66 (4) A physician assistant previously licensed in a
67 jurisdiction where physician assistants are authorized to
68 prescribe controlled substances may obtain a state bureau of
69 narcotics and dangerous drugs registration if a

70 collaborating physician can attest that the physician
71 assistant has met the requirements of subdivisions (1) to
72 (3) of this subsection and provides documentation of
73 existing federal Drug Enforcement Agency registration.

334.1600. Sections 334.1600 to 334.1720 shall be known
2 and may be cited as the "Interstate Medical Licensure
3 Compact".

334.1605. In order to strengthen access to health
2 care, and in recognition of the advances in the delivery of
3 health care, the member states of the Interstate Medical
4 Licensure Compact have allied in common purpose to develop a
5 comprehensive process that complements the existing
6 licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards,
7 provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to
8 become licensed in multiple states, thereby enhancing the
9 portability of a medical license and ensuring the safety of
10 patients. The Compact creates another pathway for licensure
11 and does not otherwise change a state's existing Medical
12 Practice Act. The Compact also adopts the prevailing
13 standard for licensure and affirms that the practice of
14 medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of
15 the physician-patient encounter, and therefore, requires the
16 physician to be under the jurisdiction of the state medical
17 board where the patient is located. State medical boards
18 that participate in the Compact retain the jurisdiction to
19 impose an adverse action against a license to practice
20 medicine in that state issued to a physician through the
21 procedures in the Compact.

334.1610. In this compact:

2 (1) "Bylaws" means those bylaws established by the
3 Interstate Commission pursuant to section 334.1655.

4 (2) "Commissioner" means the voting representative
5 appointed by each member board pursuant to section 334.1655.

6 (3) "Conviction" means a finding by a court that an
7 individual is guilty of a criminal offense through
8 adjudication, or entry of a plea of guilt or no contest to
9 the charge by the offender. Evidence of an entry of a
10 conviction of a criminal offense by the court shall be
11 considered final for purposes of disciplinary action by a
12 member board.

13 (4) "Expedited License" means a full and unrestricted
14 medical license granted by a member state to an eligible
15 physician through the process set forth in the Compact.

16 (5) "Interstate Commission" means the interstate
17 commission created pursuant to section 334.1655.

18 (6) "License" means authorization by a member state
19 for a physician to engage in the practice of medicine, which
20 would be unlawful without authorization.

21 (7) "Medical Practice Act" means laws and regulations
22 governing the practice of allopathic and osteopathic
23 medicine within a member state.

24 (8) "Member Board" means a state agency in a member
25 state that acts in the sovereign interests of the state by
26 protecting the public through licensure, regulation, and
27 education of physicians as directed by the state government.

28 (9) "Member State" means a state that has enacted the
29 Compact.

30 (10) "Practice of Medicine" means that clinical
31 prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease,
32 injury, or condition requiring a physician to obtain and
33 maintain a license in compliance with the Medical Practice
34 Act of a member state.

35 (11) "Physician" means any person who:

36 (a) Is a graduate of a medical school accredited by
37 the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Commission
38 on Osteopathic College Accreditation, or a medical school
39 listed in the International Medical Education Directory or
40 its equivalent;

41 (b) Passed each component of the United States Medical
42 Licensing Examination (USMLE) or the Comprehensive
43 Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA)
44 within three attempts, or any of its predecessor
45 examinations accepted by a state medical board as an
46 equivalent examination for licensure purposes;

47 (c) Successfully completed graduate medical education
48 approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
49 Education or the American Osteopathic Association;

50 (d) Holds specialty certification or a time-unlimited
51 specialty certificate recognized by the American Board of
52 Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic
53 Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists;

54 (e) Possesses a full and unrestricted license to
55 engage in the practice of medicine issued by a member board;

56 (f) Has never been convicted, received adjudication,
57 deferred adjudication, community supervision, or deferred
58 disposition for any offense by a court of appropriate
59 jurisdiction;

60 (g) Has never held a license authorizing the practice
61 of medicine subjected to discipline by a licensing agency in
62 any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any
63 action related to non-payment of fees related to a license;

64 (h) Has never had a controlled substance license or
65 permit suspended or revoked by a state or the United States
66 Drug Enforcement Administration; and

67 (i) Is not under active investigation by a licensing
68 agency or law enforcement authority in any state, federal,
69 or foreign jurisdiction.

70 (12) "Offense" means a felony, gross misdemeanor, or
71 crime of moral turpitude.

72 (13) "Rule" means a written statement by the
73 Interstate Commission promulgated pursuant to section
74 334.1660 of the Compact that is of general applicability,
75 implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision
76 of the Compact, or an organizational, procedural, or
77 practice requirement of the Interstate Commission, and has
78 the force and effect of statutory law in a member state, and
79 includes the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing
80 rule.

81 (14) "State" means any state, commonwealth, district,
82 or territory of the United States.

83 (15) "State of Principal License" means a member state
84 where a physician holds a license to practice medicine and
85 which has been designated as such by the physician for
86 purposes of registration and participation in the Compact.

334.1615. 1. A physician must meet the eligibility
2 requirements as defined in subdivision (11) of section
3 334.1610 to receive an expedited license under the terms and
4 provisions of the Compact.

5 2. A physician who does not meet the requirements of
6 subdivision (11) of section 334.1610 may obtain a license to
7 practice medicine in a member state if the individual
8 complies with all laws and requirements, other than the
9 Compact, relating to the issuance of a license to practice
10 medicine in that state.

334.1620. 1. A physician shall designate a member
2 state as the state of principal license for purposes of

3 registration for expedited licensure through the Compact if
4 the physician possesses a full and unrestricted license to
5 practice medicine in that state, and the state is:

6 (1) The state of principal residence for the
7 physician, or

8 (2) The state where at least 25% of the practice of
9 medicine occurs, or

10 (3) The location of the physician's employer, or

11 (4) If no state qualifies under subdivision (1), (2),
12 or (3) of this subsection, the state designated as state of
13 residence for purpose of federal income tax.

14 2. A physician may redesignate a member state as state
15 of principal license at any time, as long as the state meets
16 the requirements of subsection 1 of this section.

17 3. The Interstate Commission is authorized to develop
18 rules to facilitate redesignation of another member state as
19 the state of principal license.

334.1625. 1. A physician seeking licensure through
2 the Compact shall file an application for an expedited
3 license with the member board of the state selected by the
4 physician as the state of principal license.

5 2. Upon receipt of an application for an expedited
6 license, the member board within the state selected as the
7 state of principal license shall evaluate whether the
8 physician is eligible for expedited licensure and issue a
9 letter of qualification, verifying or denying the
10 physician's eligibility, to the Interstate Commission.

11 (1) Static qualifications, which include verification
12 of medical education, graduate medical education, results of
13 any medical or licensing examination, and other
14 qualifications as determined by the Interstate Commission
15 through rule, shall not be subject to additional primary

16 source verification where already primary source verified by
17 the state of principal license.

18 (2) The member board within the state selected as the
19 state of principal license shall, in the course of verifying
20 eligibility, perform a criminal background check of an
21 applicant, including the use of the results of fingerprint
22 or other biometric data checks compliant with the
23 requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with
24 the exception of federal employees who have suitability
25 determination in accordance with 5 C.F.R. §731.202.

26 (3) Appeal on the determination of eligibility shall
27 be made to the member state where the application was filed
28 and shall be subject to the law of that state.

29 3. Upon verification in subsection 2 of this section,
30 physicians eligible for an expedited license shall complete
31 the registration process established by the Interstate
32 Commission to receive a license in a member state selected
33 pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, including the
34 payment of any applicable fees.

35 4. After receiving verification of eligibility under
36 subsection 2 of this section and any fees under subsection 3
37 of this section, a member board shall issue an expedited
38 license to the physician. This license shall authorize the
39 physician to practice medicine in the issuing state
40 consistent with the Medical Practice Act and all applicable
41 laws and regulations of the issuing member board and member
42 state.

43 5. An expedited license shall be valid for a period
44 consistent with the licensure period in the member state and
45 in the same manner as required for other physicians holding
46 a full and unrestricted license within the member state.

47 6. An expedited license obtained through the Compact
48 shall be terminated if a physician fails to maintain a
49 license in the state of principal licensure for a non-
50 disciplinary reason, without redesignation of a new state of
51 principal licensure.

52 7. The Interstate Commission is authorized to develop
53 rules regarding the application process, including payment
54 of any applicable fees, and the issuance of an expedited
55 license.

 334.1630. 1. A member state issuing an expedited
2 license authorizing the practice of medicine in that state
3 may impose a fee for a license issued or renewed through the
4 Compact.

 2. The Interstate Commission is authorized to develop
6 rules regarding fees for expedited licenses.

 334.1635. 1. A physician seeking to renew an
2 expedited license granted in a member state shall complete a
3 renewal process with the Interstate Commission if the
4 physician:

5 (1) Maintains a full and unrestricted license in a
6 state of principal license;

7 (2) Has not been convicted, received adjudication,
8 deferred adjudication, community supervision, or deferred
9 disposition for any offense by a court of appropriate
10 jurisdiction;

11 (3) Has not had a license authorizing the practice of
12 medicine subject to discipline by a licensing agency in any
13 state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any
14 action related to non-payment of fees related to a license;
15 and

16 (4) Has not had a controlled substance license or
17 permit suspended or revoked by a state or the United States
18 Drug Enforcement Administration.

19 2. Physicians shall comply with all continuing
20 professional development or continuing medical education
21 requirements for renewal of a license issued by a member
22 state.

23 3. The Interstate Commission shall collect any renewal
24 fees charged for the renewal of a license and distribute the
25 fees to the applicable member board.

26 4. Upon receipt of any renewal fees collected in
27 subsection 3 of this section, a member board shall renew the
28 physician's license.

29 5. Physician information collected by the Interstate
30 Commission during the renewal process will be distributed to
31 all member boards.

32 6. The Interstate Commission is authorized to develop
33 rules to address renewal of licenses obtained through the
34 Compact.

334.1640. 1. The Interstate Commission shall
2 establish a database of all physicians licensed, or who have
3 applied for licensure, under section 334.1625.

4 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, member
5 boards shall report to the Interstate Commission any public
6 action or complaints against a licensed physician who has
7 applied or received an expedited license through the Compact.

8 3. Member boards shall report disciplinary or
9 investigatory information determined as necessary and proper
10 by rule of the Interstate Commission.

11 4. Member boards may report any non-public complaint,
12 disciplinary, or investigatory information not required by
13 subsection 3 of this section to the Interstate Commission.

14 5. Member boards shall share complaint or disciplinary
15 information about a physician upon request of another member
16 board.

17 6. All information provided to the Interstate
18 Commission or distributed by member boards shall be
19 confidential, filed under seal, and used only for
20 investigatory or disciplinary matters.

21 7. The Interstate Commission is authorized to develop
22 rules for mandated or discretionary sharing of information
23 by member boards.

 334.1645. 1. Licensure and disciplinary records of
2 physicians are deemed investigative.

3 2. In addition to the authority granted to a member
4 board by its respective Medical Practice Act or other
5 applicable state law, a member board may participate with
6 other member boards in joint investigations of physicians
7 licensed by the member boards.

8 3. A subpoena issued by a member state shall be
9 enforceable in other member states.

10 4. Member boards may share any investigative,
11 litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any
12 joint or individual investigation initiated under the
13 Compact.

14 5. Any member state may investigate actual or alleged
15 violations of the statutes authorizing the practice of
16 medicine in any other member state in which a physician
17 holds a license to practice medicine.

 334.1650. 1. Any disciplinary action taken by any
2 member board against a physician licensed through the
3 Compact shall be deemed unprofessional conduct which may be
4 subject to discipline by other member boards, in addition to

5 any violation of the Medical Practice Act or regulations in
6 that state.

7 2. If a license granted to a physician by the member
8 board in the state of principal license is revoked,
9 surrendered or relinquished in lieu of discipline, or
10 suspended, then all licenses issued to the physician by
11 member boards shall automatically be placed, without further
12 action necessary by any member board, on the same status.
13 If the member board in the state of principal license
14 subsequently reinstates the physician's license, a license
15 issued to the physician by any other member board shall
16 remain encumbered until that respective member board takes
17 action to reinstate the license in a manner consistent with
18 the Medical Practice Act of that state.

19 3. If disciplinary action is taken against a physician
20 by a member board not in the state of principal license, any
21 other member board may deem the action conclusive as to
22 matter of law and fact decided, and:

23 (1) Impose the same or lesser sanction(s) against the
24 physician so long as such sanctions are consistent with the
25 Medical Practice Act of that state; or

26 (2) Pursue separate disciplinary action against the
27 physician under its respective Medical Practice Act,
28 regardless of the action taken in other member states.

29 4. If a license granted to a physician by a member
30 board is revoked, surrendered or relinquished in lieu of
31 discipline, or suspended, then any license(s) issued to the
32 physician by any other member board(s) shall be suspended,
33 automatically and immediately without further action
34 necessary by the other member board(s), for ninety (90) days
35 upon entry of the order by the disciplining board, to permit
36 the member board(s) to investigate the basis for the action

37 under the Medical Practice Act of that state. A member
38 board may terminate the automatic suspension of the license
39 it issued prior to the completion of the ninety (90) day
40 suspension period in a manner consistent with the Medical
41 Practice Act of that state.

334.1655. 1. The member states hereby create the
2 "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission".

3 2. The purpose of the Interstate Commission is the
4 administration of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact,
5 which is a discretionary state function.

6 3. The Interstate Commission shall be a body corporate
7 and joint agency of the member states and shall have all the
8 responsibilities, powers, and duties set forth in the
9 Compact, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon
10 it by a subsequent concurrent action of the respective
11 legislatures of the member states in accordance with the
12 terms of the Compact.

13 4. The Interstate Commission shall consist of two
14 voting representatives appointed by each member state who
15 shall serve as Commissioners. In states where allopathic
16 and osteopathic physicians are regulated by separate member
17 boards, or if the licensing and disciplinary authority is
18 split between separate member boards, or if the licensing
19 and disciplinary authority is split between multiple member
20 boards within a member state, the member state shall appoint
21 one representative from each member board. A Commissioner
22 shall be a(n):

23 (1) Allopathic or osteopathic physician appointed to a
24 member board;

25 (2) Executive director, executive secretary, or
26 similar executive of a member board; or

27 (3) Member of the public appointed to a member board.

28 5. The Interstate Commission shall meet at least once
29 each calendar year. A portion of this meeting shall be a
30 business meeting to address such matters as may properly
31 come before the Commission, including the election of
32 officers. The chairperson may call additional meetings and
33 shall call for a meeting upon the request of a majority of
34 the member states.

35 6. The bylaws may provide for meetings of the
36 Interstate Commission to be conducted by telecommunication
37 or electronic communication.

38 7. Each Commissioner participating at a meeting of the
39 Interstate Commission is entitled to one vote. A majority
40 of Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the
41 transaction of business, unless a larger quorum is required
42 by the bylaws of the Interstate Commission. A Commissioner
43 shall not delegate a vote to another Commissioner. In the
44 absence of its Commissioner, a member state may delegate
45 voting authority for a specified meeting to another person
46 from that state who shall meet the requirements of
47 subsection 4 of this section.

48 8. The Interstate Commission shall provide public
49 notice of all meetings and all meetings shall be open to the
50 public. The Interstate Commission may close a meeting, in
51 full or in portion, where it determines by a two-thirds vote
52 of the Commissioners present that an open meeting would be
53 likely to:

54 (1) Relate solely to the internal personnel practice
55 and procedures of the Interstate Commission;

56 (2) Discuss matters specifically exempted from
57 disclosure by federal statute;

58 (3) Discuss trade secrets, commercial, or financial
59 information that is privileged or confidential;

60 (4) Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally
61 censuring a person;

62 (5) Discuss information of a personal nature where
63 disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion
64 of personal privacy;

65 (6) Discuss investigative records compiled for law
66 enforcement purposes; or

67 (7) Specifically relate to the participation in a
68 civil action or other legal proceeding.

69 9. The Interstate Commission shall keep minutes which
70 shall fully describe all matters discussed in a meeting and
71 shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken,
72 including record of any roll call votes.

73 10. The Interstate Commission shall make its
74 information and official records, to the extent not
75 otherwise designated in the Compact or by its rules,
76 available to the public for inspection.

77 11. The Interstate Commission shall establish an
78 executive committee, which shall include officers, members,
79 and others as determined by the bylaws. The executive
80 committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the
81 Interstate Commission, with the exception of rulemaking,
82 during periods when the Interstate Commission is not in
83 session. When acting on behalf of the Interstate
84 Commission, the executive committee shall oversee the
85 administration of the Compact including enforcement and
86 compliance with the provisions of the Compact, its bylaws
87 and rules, and other such duties as necessary.

88 12. The Interstate Commission shall establish other
89 committees for governance and administration of the Compact.

 334.1660. The powers and duties of the Interstate
2 Commission shall be to:

3 (1) Oversee and maintain the administration of the
4 Compact;

5 (2) Promulgate rules which shall be binding to the
6 extent and in the manner provided for in the Compact;

7 (3) Issue, upon the request of a member state or
8 member board, advisory opinions concerning the meaning or
9 interpretation of the Compact, its bylaws, rules, and
10 actions;

11 (4) Enforce compliance with Compact provisions, the
12 rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission, and the
13 bylaws, using all necessary and proper means, including but
14 not limited to the use of judicial process;

15 (5) Establish and appoint committees including, but
16 not limited to, an executive committee as required by
17 section 334.1655, which shall have the power to act on
18 behalf of the Interstate Commission in carrying out its
19 powers and duties;

20 (6) Pay, or provide for the payment of the expenses
21 related to the establishment, organization, and ongoing
22 activities of the Interstate Commission;

23 (7) Establish and maintain one or more offices;

24 (8) Borrow, accept, hire, or contract for services of
25 personnel;

26 (9) Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

27 (10) Employ an executive director who shall have such
28 powers to employ, select or appoint employees, agents, or
29 consultants, and to determine their qualifications, define
30 their duties, and fix their compensation;

31 (11) Establish personnel policies and programs
32 relating to conflicts of interest, rates of compensation,
33 and qualifications of personnel;

34 (12) Accept donations and grants of money, equipment,
35 supplies, materials, and services and to receive, utilize,
36 and dispose of it in a manner consistent with the conflict
37 of interest policies established by the Interstate
38 Commission;

39 (13) Lease, purchase, accept contributions or
40 donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any
41 property, real, personal, or mixed;

42 (14) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
43 abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real,
44 personal, or mixed;

45 (15) Establish a budget and make expenditures;

46 (16) Adopt a seal and bylaws governing the management
47 and operation of the Interstate Commission;

48 (17) Report annually to the legislatures and governors
49 of the member states concerning the activities of the
50 Interstate Commission during the preceding year. Such
51 reports shall also include reports of financial audits and
52 any recommendations that may have been adopted by the
53 Interstate Commission;

54 (18) Coordinate education, training, and public
55 awareness regarding the Compact, its implementation, and its
56 operation;

57 (19) Maintain records in accordance with the bylaws;

58 (20) Seek and obtain trademarks, copyrights, and
59 patents; and

60 (21) Perform such functions as may be necessary or
61 appropriate to achieve the purpose of the Compact.

334.1665. 1. The Interstate Commission may levy on
2 and collect an annual assessment from each member state to
3 cover the cost of the operations and activities of the
4 Interstate Commission and its staff. The total assessment

5 must be sufficient to cover the annual budget approved each
6 year for which revenue is not provided by other sources.
7 The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated
8 upon a formula to be determined by the Interstate
9 Commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all
10 member states.

11 2. The Interstate Commission shall not incur
12 obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate
13 to meet the same.

14 3. The Interstate Commission shall not pledge the
15 credit of any of the member states, except by, and with the
16 authority of, the member state.

17 4. The Interstate Commission shall be subject to a
18 yearly financial audit conducted by a certified or licensed
19 accountant and the report of the audit shall be included in
20 the annual report of the Interstate Commission.

334.1670. 1. The Interstate Commission shall, by a
2 majority of Commissioners present and voting, adopt bylaws
3 to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to
4 carry out the purposes of the Compact within twelve (12)
5 months of the first Interstate Commission meeting.

6 2. The Interstate Commission shall elect or appoint
7 annually from among its Commissioners a chairperson, a vice-
8 chairperson, and a treasurer, each of whom shall have such
9 authority and duties as may be specified in the bylaws. The
10 chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence or disability,
11 the vice-chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the
12 Interstate Commission.

13 3. Officers selected in subsection 2 of this section
14 shall serve without remuneration for the Interstate
15 Commission.

16 4. The officers and employees of the Interstate
17 Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either
18 personally or in their official capacity, for a claim for
19 damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other
20 civil liability caused or arising out of, or relating to, an
21 actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or
22 that such person had a reasonable basis for believing
23 occurred, within the scope of Interstate Commission
24 employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that such
25 person shall not be protected from suit or liability for
26 damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional
27 or willful and wanton misconduct of such person.

28 5. The liability of the executive director and
29 employees of the Interstate Commission or representatives of
30 the Interstate Commission, acting within the scope of such
31 person's employment or duties for acts, errors, or omissions
32 occurring within such person's state, may not exceed the
33 limits of liability set forth under the constitution and
34 laws of that state for state officials, employees, and
35 agents. The Interstate Commission is considered to be an
36 instrumentality of the states for the purpose of any such
37 action. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
38 protect such person from suit or liability for damage, loss,
39 injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful
40 and wanton misconduct of such person.

41 6. The Interstate Commission shall defend the
42 executive director, its employees, and subject to the
43 approval of the attorney general or other appropriate legal
44 counsel of the member state represented by an Interstate
45 Commission representative, shall defend such Interstate
46 Commission representative in any civil action seeking to
47 impose liability arising out of an actual or alleged act,

48 error or omission that occurred within the scope of
49 Interstate Commission employment, duties or
50 responsibilities, or that the defendant had a reasonable
51 basis for believing occurred within the scope of Interstate
52 Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided
53 that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not
54 result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on
55 the part of such person.

56 7. To the extent not covered by the state involved,
57 member state, or the Interstate Commission, the
58 representatives or employees of the Interstate Commission
59 shall be held harmless in the amount of a settlement or
60 judgement, including attorney's fees and costs, obtained
61 against such persons arising out of an actual or alleged
62 act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of
63 the Interstate Commission employment, duties, or
64 responsibilities, or that such persons had a reasonable
65 basis for believing occurred within the scope of Interstate
66 Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided
67 that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not
68 result from intentional or willful and wanton misconduct on
69 the part of such person.

334.1675. 1. The Interstate Commission shall
2 promulgate reasonable rules in order to effectively and
3 efficiently achieve the purpose of the Compact.
4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Interstate
5 Commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner
6 that is beyond the scope of the purposes of the Compact, or
7 the powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the
8 Interstate Commission shall be invalid and have no force or
9 effect.

10 2. Rules deemed appropriate for the operations of the
11 Interstate Commission shall be made pursuant to a rulemaking
12 process that substantially conforms to the "Model State
13 Administrative Procedure Act" of 2010, and subsequent
14 amendments thereto.

15 3. Not later than thirty (30) days after a rule is
16 promulgated, any person may file a petition for judicial
17 review of the rule in the United States District Court for
18 the District of Columbia or the federal district where the
19 Interstate Commission has its principal offices, provided
20 that the filing of such a petition shall not stay or
21 otherwise prevent the rule from becoming effective unless
22 the court finds that the petitioner has a substantial
23 likelihood of success. The court shall give deference to
24 the actions of the Interstate Commission consistent with
25 applicable law and shall not find the rule to be unlawful if
26 the rule represents a reasonable exercise of the authority
27 granted to the Interstate Commission.

 334.1680. 1. The executive, legislative, and judicial
2 branches of state government in each member state shall
3 enforce the Compact and shall take all actions necessary and
4 appropriate to effectuate the Compact's purposes and
5 intent. The provisions of the Compact and the rules
6 promulgated hereunder shall have standing as statutory law
7 but shall not override existing state authority to regulate
8 the practice of medicine.

9 2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the
10 Compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative
11 proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject
12 matter of the Compact which may affect the powers,
13 responsibilities or actions of the Interstate Commission.

14 3. The Interstate Commission shall be entitled to
15 receive all services of process in any such proceeding, and
16 shall have standing to intervene in the proceeding for all
17 purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the
18 Interstate Commission shall render a judgment or order void
19 as to the Interstate Commission, the Compact, or promulgated
20 rules.

 334.1685. 1. The Interstate Commission, in the
2 reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the
3 provisions and rules of the Compact.

4 2. The Interstate Commission may, by majority vote of
5 the Commissioners, initiate legal action in the United
6 States District Court for the District of Columbia, or, at
7 the discretion of the Interstate Commission, in the federal
8 district where the Interstate Commission has its principal
9 offices, to enforce compliance with the provisions of the
10 Compact, and its promulgated rules and bylaws, against a
11 member state in default. The relief sought may include both
12 injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial
13 enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be
14 awarded all costs of such litigation including reasonable
15 attorney's fees.

16 3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive
17 remedies of the Interstate Commission. The Interstate
18 Commission may avail itself of any other remedies available
19 under state law or regulation of a profession.

 334.1690. 1. The grounds for default include, but are
2 not limited to, failure of a member state to perform such
3 obligations or responsibilities imposed upon it by the
4 Compact, or the rules and bylaws of the Interstate
5 Commission promulgated under the Compact.

6 2. If the Interstate Commission determines that a
7 member state has defaulted in the performance of its
8 obligations or responsibilities under the Compact, or the
9 bylaws or promulgated rules, the Interstate Commission shall:

10 (1) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and
11 other member states, of the nature of the default, the means
12 of curing the default, and any action taken by the
13 Interstate Commission. The Interstate Commission shall
14 specify the conditions by which the defaulting state must
15 cure its default; and

16 (2) Provide remedial training and specific technical
17 assistance regarding the default.

18 3. If the defaulting state fails to cure the default,
19 the defaulting state shall be terminated from the Compact
20 upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners
21 and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by the
22 Compact shall terminate on the effective date of
23 termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the
24 offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred
25 during the period of the default.

26 4. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be
27 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance
28 have been exhausted. Notice of intent to terminate shall be
29 given by the Interstate Commission to the governor, the
30 majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's
31 legislature, and each of the member states.

32 5. The Interstate Commission shall establish rules and
33 procedures to address licenses and physicians that are
34 materially impacted by the termination of a member state, or
35 the withdrawal of a member state.

36 6. The member state which has been terminated is
37 responsible for all dues, obligations, and liabilities

38 incurred through the effective date of termination including
39 obligations, the performance of which extends beyond the
40 effective date of termination.

41 7. The Interstate Commission shall not bear any costs
42 relating to any state that has been found to be in default
43 or which has been terminated from the Compact, unless
44 otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing between the
45 Interstate Commission and the defaulting state.

46 8. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the
47 Interstate Commission by petitioning the United States
48 District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal
49 district where the Interstate Commission has its principal
50 offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of
51 such litigation including reasonable attorney's fees.

334.1695. 1. The Interstate Commission shall attempt,
2 upon the request of a member state, to resolve disputes
3 which are subject to the Compact and which may arise among
4 member states or member boards.

5 2. The Interstate Commission shall promulgate rules
6 providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution
7 as appropriate.

334.1700. 1. Any state is eligible to become a member
2 of the Compact.

3 2. The Compact shall become effective and binding upon
4 legislative enactment of the Compact into law by no less
5 than seven (7) states. Thereafter, it shall become
6 effective and binding on a state upon enactment of the
7 Compact into law by that state.

8 3. The governors of non-member states, or their
9 designees, shall be invited to participate in the activities
10 of the Interstate Commission on a non-voting basis prior to
11 adoption of the Compact by all states.

12 4. The Interstate Commission may propose amendments to
13 the Compact for enactment by the member states. No
14 amendment shall become effective and binding upon the
15 Interstate Commission and the member states unless and until
16 it is enacted into law by unanimous consent of the member
17 states.

 334.1705. 1. Once effective, the Compact shall
2 continue in force and remain binding upon each and every
3 member state; provided that a member state may withdraw from
4 the Compact by specifically repealing the statute which
5 enacted the Compact into law.

6 2. Withdrawal from the Compact shall be by the
7 enactment of a statute repealing the same, but shall not
8 take effect until one (1) year after the effective date of
9 such statute and until written notice of the withdrawal has
10 been given by the withdrawing state to the governor of each
11 other member state.

12 3. The withdrawing state shall immediately notify the
13 chairperson of the Interstate Commission in writing upon the
14 introduction of legislation repealing the Compact in the
15 withdrawing state.

16 4. The Interstate Commission shall notify the other
17 member states of the withdrawing state's intent to withdraw
18 within sixty (60) days of its receipt of notice provided
19 under subsection 3 of this section.

20 5. The withdrawing state is responsible for all dues,
21 obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective
22 date of withdrawal, including obligations, the performance
23 of which extend beyond the effective date of withdrawal.

24 6. Reinstatement following withdrawal of a member
25 state shall occur upon the withdrawing state reenacting the

26 Compact or upon such later date as determined by the
27 Interstate Commission.

28 7. The Interstate Commission is authorized to develop
29 rules to address the impact of the withdrawal of a member
30 state on licenses granted in other member states to
31 physicians who designated the withdrawing member state as
32 the state of principal license.

334.1710. 1. The Compact shall dissolve effective
2 upon the date of the withdrawal or default of the member
3 state which reduces the membership of the Compact to one (1)
4 member state.

5 2. Upon the dissolution of the Compact, the Compact
6 becomes null and void and shall be of no further force or
7 effect, and the business and affairs of the Interstate
8 Commission shall be concluded, and surplus funds shall be
9 distributed in accordance with the bylaws.

334.1715. 1. The provisions of the Compact shall be
2 severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision
3 is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the
4 Compact shall be enforceable.

5 2. The provisions of the Compact shall be liberally
6 construed to effectuate its purposes.

7 3. Nothing in the Compact shall be construed to
8 prohibit the applicability of other interstate compacts to
9 which the member states are members.

334.1720. 1. Nothing herein prevents the enforcement
2 of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent
3 with the Compact.

4 2. All laws in a member state in conflict with the
5 Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

6 3. All lawful actions of the Interstate Commission,
7 including all rules and bylaws promulgated by the
8 Commission, are binding upon the member states.

9 4. All agreements between the Interstate Commission
10 and the member states are binding in accordance with their
11 terms.

12 5. In the event any provision of the Compact exceeds
13 the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any
14 member state, such provision shall be ineffective to the
15 extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in
16 question in that member state.

335.016. As used in this chapter, unless the context
2 clearly requires otherwise, the following words and terms
3 mean:

4 (1) "Accredited", the official authorization or status
5 granted by an agency for a program through a voluntary
6 process;

7 (2) "Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN", a
8 [nurse who has education beyond the basic nursing education
9 and is certified by a nationally recognized professional
10 organization as a certified nurse practitioner, certified
11 nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or a
12 certified clinical nurse specialist. The board shall
13 promulgate rules specifying which nationally recognized
14 professional organization certifications are to be
15 recognized for the purposes of this section. Advanced
16 practice nurses and only such individuals may use the title
17 "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" and the abbreviation
18 "APRN"] person who is licensed under the provisions of this
19 chapter to engage in the practice of advanced practice
20 nursing as a certified clinical nurse specialist, certified

21 **nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner, or certified**
22 **registered nurse anesthetist;**

23 (3) "Approval", official recognition of nursing
24 education programs which meet standards established by the
25 board of nursing;

26 (4) "Board" or "state board", the state board of
27 nursing;

28 (5) "Certified clinical nurse specialist", a
29 registered nurse who is currently certified as a clinical
30 nurse specialist by a nationally recognized certifying board
31 approved by the board of nursing;

32 (6) "Certified nurse midwife", a registered nurse who
33 is currently certified as a nurse midwife by the American
34 [College of Nurse Midwives] **Midwifery Certification Board,**
35 or other nationally recognized certifying body approved by
36 the board of nursing;

37 (7) "Certified nurse practitioner", a registered nurse
38 who is currently certified as a nurse practitioner by a
39 nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board
40 of nursing;

41 (8) "Certified registered nurse anesthetist", a
42 registered nurse who is currently certified as a nurse
43 anesthetist by the Council on Certification of Nurse
44 Anesthetists, the [Council on Recertification of Nurse
45 Anesthetists] **National Board of Certification and**
46 **Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists,** or other nationally
47 recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing;

48 (9) "Executive director", a qualified individual
49 employed by the board as executive secretary or otherwise to
50 administer the provisions of this chapter under the board's
51 direction. Such person employed as executive director shall
52 not be a member of the board;

53 (10) "Inactive **[nurse] license status**", as defined by
54 rule pursuant to section 335.061;

55 (11) "Lapsed license status", as defined by rule under
56 section 335.061;

57 (12) "Licensed practical nurse" or "practical nurse",
58 a person licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter
59 to engage in the practice of practical nursing;

60 (13) "Licensure", the issuing of a license **[to**
61 **practice professional or practical nursing]** to candidates
62 who have met the **[specified]** requirements **specified under**
63 **this chapter, authorizing the person to engage in the**
64 **practice of advanced practice, professional, or practical**
65 **nursing**, and the recording of the names of those persons as
66 holders of a license to practice **advanced practice,**
67 **professional, or practical nursing;**

68 (14) "**Practice of advanced practice nursing**", the
69 **performance for compensation of activities and services**
70 **consistent with the required education, training,**
71 **certification, demonstrated competencies, and experiences of**
72 **an advanced practice registered nurse;**

73 (15) "**Practice of practical nursing**", the performance
74 for compensation of selected acts for the promotion of
75 health and in the care of persons who are ill, injured, or
76 experiencing alterations in normal health processes. Such
77 performance requires substantial specialized skill, judgment
78 and knowledge. All such nursing care shall be given under
79 the direction of a person licensed by a state regulatory
80 board to prescribe medications and treatments or under the
81 direction of a registered professional nurse. For the
82 purposes of this chapter, the term "direction" shall mean
83 guidance or supervision provided by a person licensed by a
84 state regulatory board to prescribe medications and

85 treatments or a registered professional nurse, including,
86 but not limited to, oral, written, or otherwise communicated
87 orders or directives for patient care. When practical
88 nursing care is delivered pursuant to the direction of a
89 person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe
90 medications and treatments or under the direction of a
91 registered professional nurse, such care may be delivered by
92 a licensed practical nurse without direct physical oversight;

93 [(15)] (16) "Practice of professional nursing", the
94 performance for compensation of any act **or action** which
95 requires substantial specialized education, judgment and
96 skill based on knowledge and application of principles
97 derived from the biological, physical, social, **behavioral**,
98 and nursing sciences, including, but not limited to:

99 (a) Responsibility for the **promotion and** teaching of
100 health care and the prevention of illness to the patient and
101 his or her family;

102 (b) Assessment, **data collection**, nursing diagnosis,
103 nursing care, **evaluation**, and counsel of persons who are
104 ill, injured, or experiencing alterations in normal health
105 processes;

106 (c) The administration of medications and treatments
107 as prescribed by a person licensed by a state regulatory
108 board to prescribe medications and treatments;

109 (d) The coordination and assistance in the
110 **determination and** delivery of a plan of health care with all
111 members of a health team;

112 (e) The teaching and supervision of other persons in
113 the performance of any of the foregoing;

114 [(16) A] (17) "Registered professional nurse" or
115 "registered nurse", a person licensed pursuant to the

116 provisions of this chapter to engage in the practice of
117 professional nursing;

118 **[(17)] (18)** "Retired license status", any person
119 licensed in this state under this chapter who retires from
120 such practice. Such person shall file with the board an
121 affidavit, on a form to be furnished by the board, which
122 states the date on which the licensee retired from such
123 practice, an intent to retire from the practice for at least
124 two years, and such other facts as tend to verify the
125 retirement as the board may deem necessary; but if the
126 licensee thereafter reengages in the practice, the licensee
127 shall renew his or her license with the board as provided by
128 this chapter and by rule and regulation.

335.019. **1. An advanced practice registered nurse's
2 prescriptive authority shall include authority to:**

3 **(1) Prescribe, dispense, and administer medications**
4 **and nonscheduled legend drugs, as defined in section**
5 **338.330, within such APRN's practice and specialty; and**

6 **(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this**
7 **chapter to the contrary, receive, prescribe, administer, and**
8 **provide nonscheduled legend drug samples from pharmaceutical**
9 **manufacturers to patients at no charge to the patient or any**
10 **other party.**

11 **2.** The board of nursing may grant a certificate of
12 controlled substance prescriptive authority to an advanced
13 practice registered nurse who:

14 (1) Submits proof of successful completion of an
15 advanced pharmacology course that shall include preceptorial
16 experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and
17 therapeutic devices; and

18 (2) Provides documentation of a minimum of three
19 hundred clock hours preceptorial experience in the

20 prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices
21 with a qualified preceptor; and

22 (3) Provides evidence of a minimum of one thousand
23 hours of practice in an advanced practice nursing category
24 prior to application for a certificate of prescriptive
25 authority. The one thousand hours shall not include
26 clinical hours obtained in the advanced practice nursing
27 education program. The one thousand hours of practice in an
28 advanced practice nursing category may include transmitting
29 a prescription order orally or telephonically or to an
30 inpatient medical record from protocols developed in
31 collaboration with and signed by a licensed physician; and

32 (4) Has a controlled substance prescribing authority
33 delegated in the collaborative practice arrangement under
34 section 334.104 with a physician who has an unrestricted
35 federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number
36 and who is actively engaged in a practice comparable in
37 scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced
38 practice registered nurse.

335.036. 1. The board shall:

2 (1) Elect for a one-year term a president and a
3 secretary, who shall also be treasurer, and the board may
4 appoint, employ and fix the compensation of a legal counsel
5 and such board personnel as defined in subdivision (4) of
6 subsection 11 of section 324.001 as are necessary to
7 administer the provisions of sections 335.011 to [335.096]
8 **335.099;**

9 (2) Adopt and revise such rules and regulations as may
10 be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the
11 provisions of sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099;**

12 (3) Prescribe minimum standards for educational
13 programs preparing persons for licensure **as a registered**

14 **professional nurse or licensed practical nurse** pursuant to
15 the provisions of sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099**;

16 (4) Provide for surveys of such programs every five
17 years and in addition at such times as it may deem necessary;

18 (5) Designate as "approved" such programs as meet the
19 requirements of sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099** and
20 the rules and regulations enacted pursuant to such sections;
21 and the board shall annually publish a list of such programs;

22 (6) Deny or withdraw approval from educational
23 programs for failure to meet prescribed minimum standards;

24 (7) Examine, license, and cause to be renewed the
25 licenses of duly qualified applicants;

26 (8) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating
27 provisions of sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099**, and may
28 incur such necessary expenses therefor;

29 (9) Keep a record of all the proceedings; and make an
30 annual report to the governor and to the director of the
31 department of commerce and insurance.

32 2. The board shall set the amount of the fees which
33 this chapter authorizes and requires by rules and
34 regulations. The fees shall be set at a level to produce
35 revenue which shall not substantially exceed the cost and
36 expense of administering this chapter.

37 3. All fees received by the board pursuant to the
38 provisions of sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099** shall be
39 deposited in the state treasury and be placed to the credit
40 of the state board of nursing fund. All administrative
41 costs and expenses of the board shall be paid from
42 appropriations made for those purposes. The board is
43 authorized to provide funding for the nursing education
44 incentive program established in sections 335.200 to 335.203.

45 4. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary
46 notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred
47 and placed to the credit of general revenue until the amount
48 in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds two times the
49 amount of the appropriation from the board's funds for the
50 preceding fiscal year or, if the board requires by rule,
51 permit renewal less frequently than yearly, then three times
52 the appropriation from the board's funds for the preceding
53 fiscal year. The amount, if any, in the fund which shall
54 lapse is that amount in the fund which exceeds the
55 appropriate multiple of the appropriations from the board's
56 funds for the preceding fiscal year.

57 5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
58 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
59 authority delegated in this chapter shall become effective
60 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
61 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
62 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August
63 28, 1999, is of no force and effect and repealed. Nothing
64 in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the
65 validity of any rule filed or adopted prior to August 28,
66 1999, if it fully complied with all applicable provisions of
67 law. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if
68 any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant
69 to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to
70 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
71 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
72 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be
73 invalid and void.

335.046. 1. An applicant for a license to practice as
2 a registered professional nurse shall submit to the board a
3 written application on forms furnished to the applicant.

4 The original application shall contain the applicant's
5 statements showing the applicant's education and other such
6 pertinent information as the board may require. The
7 applicant shall be of good moral character and have
8 completed at least the high school course of study, or the
9 equivalent thereof as determined by the state board of
10 education, and have successfully completed the basic
11 professional curriculum in an accredited or approved school
12 of nursing and earned a professional nursing degree or
13 diploma. Each application shall contain a statement that it
14 is made under oath or affirmation and that its
15 representations are true and correct to the best knowledge
16 and belief of the person signing same, subject to the
17 penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.
18 Applicants from non-English-speaking lands shall be required
19 to submit evidence of proficiency in the English language.
20 The applicant must be approved by the board and shall pass
21 an examination as required by the board. The board may
22 require by rule as a requirement for licensure that each
23 applicant shall pass an oral or practical examination. Upon
24 successfully passing the examination, the board may issue to
25 the applicant a license to practice nursing as a registered
26 professional nurse. The applicant for a license to practice
27 registered professional nursing shall pay a license fee in
28 such amount as set by the board. The fee shall be uniform
29 for all applicants. Applicants from foreign countries shall
30 be licensed as prescribed by rule.

31 2. An applicant for license to practice as a licensed
32 practical nurse shall submit to the board a written
33 application on forms furnished to the applicant. The
34 original application shall contain the applicant's
35 statements showing the applicant's education and other such

36 pertinent information as the board may require. Such
37 applicant shall be of good moral character, and have
38 completed at least two years of high school, or its
39 equivalent as established by the state board of education,
40 and have successfully completed a basic prescribed
41 curriculum in a state-accredited or approved school of
42 nursing, earned a nursing degree, certificate or diploma and
43 completed a course approved by the board on the role of the
44 practical nurse. Each application shall contain a statement
45 that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its
46 representations are true and correct to the best knowledge
47 and belief of the person signing same, subject to the
48 penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.
49 Applicants from non-English-speaking countries shall be
50 required to submit evidence of their proficiency in the
51 English language. The applicant must be approved by the
52 board and shall pass an examination as required by the
53 board. The board may require by rule as a requirement for
54 licensure that each applicant shall pass an oral or
55 practical examination. Upon successfully passing the
56 examination, the board may issue to the applicant a license
57 to practice as a licensed practical nurse. The applicant
58 for a license to practice licensed practical nursing shall
59 pay a fee in such amount as may be set by the board. The
60 fee shall be uniform for all applicants. Applicants from
61 foreign countries shall be licensed as prescribed by rule.

62 **3. (1) An applicant for a license to practice as an**
63 **advanced practice registered nurse shall submit to the board**
64 **a written application on forms furnished to the applicant.**
65 **The original application shall contain:**

66 (a) Statements showing the applicant's education and
67 other such pertinent information as the board may require;
68 and

69 (b) A statement that it is made under oath or
70 affirmation and that its representations are true and
71 correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person
72 signing same, subject to the penalties of making a false
73 affidavit or declaration.

74 (2) The applicant for a license to practice as an
75 advanced practice registered nurse shall pay a fee in such
76 amount as may be set by the board. The fee shall be uniform
77 for all applicants.

78 (3) An applicant shall:

79 (a) Hold a current registered professional nurse
80 license or privilege to practice, shall not be currently
81 subject to discipline or any restrictions, and shall not
82 hold an encumbered license or privilege to practice as a
83 registered professional nurse or advanced practice
84 registered nurse in any state or territory;

85 (b) Have completed an accredited graduate-level
86 advanced practice registered nurse program and achieved at
87 least one certification as a clinical nurse specialist,
88 nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or registered nurse
89 anesthetist, with at least one population focus prescribed
90 by rule of the board;

91 (c) Be currently certified by a national certifying
92 body recognized by the Missouri state board of nursing in
93 the advanced practice registered nurse role; and

94 (d) Have a population focus on his or her
95 certification, corresponding with his or her educational
96 advanced practice registered nurse program.

97 (4) Any person holding a document of recognition to
98 practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse in
99 this state that is current on August 28, 2023, shall be
100 deemed to be licensed as an advanced practice registered
101 nurse under the provisions of this section and shall be
102 eligible for renewal of such license under the conditions
103 and standards prescribed in this chapter and as prescribed
104 by rule.

105 4. Upon refusal of the board to allow any applicant to
106 [sit for] take either the registered professional nurses'
107 examination or the licensed practical nurses' examination,
108 [as the case may be,] or upon refusal to issue an advanced
109 practice registered nurse license, the board shall comply
110 with the provisions of section 621.120 and advise the
111 applicant of his or her right to have a hearing before the
112 administrative hearing commission. The administrative
113 hearing commission shall hear complaints taken pursuant to
114 section 621.120.

115 [4.] 5. The board shall not deny a license because of
116 sex, religion, race, ethnic origin, age or political
117 affiliation.

335.051. 1. The board shall issue a license to
2 practice nursing as [either] an advanced practice registered
3 nurse, a registered professional nurse, or a licensed
4 practical nurse without examination to an applicant who has
5 duly become licensed as [a] an advanced practice registered
6 nurse, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse
7 pursuant to the laws of another state, territory, or foreign
8 country if the applicant meets the qualifications required
9 of advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses,
10 or licensed practical nurses in this state at the time the

11 applicant was originally licensed in the other state,
12 territory, or foreign country.

13 2. Applicants from foreign countries shall be licensed
14 as prescribed by rule.

15 3. Upon application, the board shall issue a temporary
16 permit to an applicant pursuant to subsection 1 of this
17 section for a license as **[either] an advanced practice**
18 **registered nurse**, a registered professional nurse, or a
19 licensed practical nurse who has made a prima facie showing
20 that the applicant meets all of the requirements for such a
21 license. The temporary permit shall be effective only until
22 the board shall have had the opportunity to investigate his
23 **or her** qualifications for licensure pursuant to subsection 1
24 of this section and to notify the applicant that his or her
25 application for a license has been either granted or
26 rejected. In no event shall such temporary permit be in
27 effect for more than twelve months after the date of its
28 issuance nor shall a permit be reissued to the same
29 applicant. No fee shall be charged for such temporary
30 permit. The holder of a temporary permit which has not
31 expired, or been suspended or revoked, shall be deemed to be
32 the holder of a license issued pursuant to section 335.046
33 until such temporary permit expires, is terminated or is
34 suspended or revoked.

335.056. 1. The license of every person licensed
2 under the provisions of **[sections 335.011 to 335.096]** **this**
3 **chapter** shall be renewed as provided. An application for
4 renewal of license shall be mailed to every person to whom a
5 license was issued or renewed during the current licensing
6 period. The applicant shall complete the application and
7 return it to the board by the renewal date with a renewal
8 fee in an amount to be set by the board. The fee shall be

9 uniform for all applicants. The certificates of renewal
10 shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner of
11 nursing for the period stated in the certificate of
12 renewal. Any person who practices nursing as **an advanced**
13 **practice registered nurse**, a registered professional nurse,
14 or **[as]** a licensed practical nurse during the time his **or**
15 **her** license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal
16 practitioner and shall be subject to the penalties provided
17 for violation of the provisions of sections 335.011 to
18 **[335.096] 335.099**.

19 **2. The renewal of advanced practice registered nurse**
20 **licenses and registered professional nurse licenses shall**
21 **occur at the same time, as prescribed by rule. Failure to**
22 **renew and maintain the registered professional nurse license**
23 **or privilege to practice or failure to provide the required**
24 **fee and evidence of active certification or maintenance of**
25 **certification as prescribed by rules and regulations shall**
26 **result in expiration of the advanced practice registered**
27 **nurse license.**

28 **3. A licensed nurse who holds an APRN license shall be**
29 **disciplined on their APRN license for any violations of this**
30 **chapter.**

335.076. 1. Any person who holds a license to
2 practice professional nursing in this state may use the
3 title "Registered Professional Nurse" and the abbreviation
4 **["R.N."] "RN"**. No other person shall use the title
5 "Registered Professional Nurse" or the abbreviation **["R.N."]**
6 **"RN"**. No other person shall assume any title or use any
7 abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices
8 to indicate that the person using the same is a registered
9 professional nurse.

10 2. Any person who holds a license to practice
11 practical nursing in this state may use the title "Licensed
12 Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation ["L.P.N."] "LPN". No
13 other person shall use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse"
14 or the abbreviation ["L.P.N."] "LPN". No other person shall
15 assume any title or use any abbreviation or any other words,
16 letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using
17 the same is a licensed practical nurse.

18 3. Any person who holds a license [or recognition] to
19 practice advanced practice nursing in this state may use the
20 title "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse", **the designations**
21 **of "certified registered nurse anesthetist", "certified**
22 **nurse midwife", "certified clinical nurse specialist", and**
23 **"certified nurse practitioner",** and the [abbreviation]
24 **abbreviations "APRN", [and any other title designations**
25 **appearing on his or her license] "CRNA", "CNM", "CNS", and**
26 **"NP", respectively.** No other person shall use the title
27 "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" or the abbreviation
28 "APRN". No other person shall assume any title or use any
29 abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices
30 to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced
31 practice registered nurse.

32 4. No person shall practice or offer to practice
33 professional nursing, practical nursing, or advanced
34 practice nursing in this state or use any title, sign,
35 abbreviation, card, or device to indicate that such person
36 is a practicing professional nurse, practical nurse, or
37 advanced practice nurse unless he or she has been duly
38 licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

39 5. In the interest of public safety and consumer
40 awareness, it is unlawful for any person to use the title
41 "nurse" in reference to himself or herself in any capacity,

42 except individuals who are or have been licensed as a
43 registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced
44 practice registered nurse under this chapter.

45 6. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, nothing in
46 this chapter shall prohibit a Christian Science nurse from
47 using the title "Christian Science nurse", so long as such
48 person provides only religious nonmedical services when
49 offering or providing such services to those who choose to
50 rely upon healing by spiritual means alone and does not hold
51 his or her own religious organization and does not hold
52 himself or herself out as a registered nurse, advanced
53 practice registered nurse, nurse practitioner, licensed
54 practical nurse, nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist,
55 or nurse anesthetist, unless otherwise authorized by law to
56 do so.

335.086. No person, firm, corporation or association
2 shall:

3 (1) Sell or attempt to sell or fraudulently obtain or
4 furnish or attempt to furnish any nursing diploma, license,
5 renewal or record or aid or abet therein;

6 (2) Practice [professional or practical] nursing as
7 defined by sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099** under cover
8 of any diploma, license, or record illegally or fraudulently
9 obtained or signed or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent
10 representation;

11 (3) Practice [professional nursing or practical]
12 nursing as defined by sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099**
13 unless duly licensed to do so under the provisions of
14 sections 335.011 to [335.096] **335.099**;

15 (4) Use in connection with his **or her** name any
16 designation tending to imply that he **or she** is a licensed
17 **advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed** registered

18 professional nurse, or a licensed practical nurse unless
19 duly licensed so to practice under the provisions of
20 sections 335.011 to [335.096] 335.099;

21 (5) Practice [professional nursing or practical]
22 nursing during the time his **or her** license issued under the
23 provisions of sections 335.011 to [335.096] 335.099 shall be
24 suspended or revoked; or

25 (6) Conduct a nursing education program for the
26 preparation of professional or practical nurses unless the
27 program has been accredited by the board.

335.175. 1. No later than January 1, 2014, there is
2 hereby established within the state board of registration
3 for the healing arts and the state board of nursing the
4 "Utilization of Telehealth by Nurses". An advanced practice
5 registered nurse (APRN) providing nursing services under a
6 collaborative practice arrangement under section 334.104 may
7 provide such services outside the geographic proximity
8 requirements of section 334.104 if the collaborating
9 physician and advanced practice registered nurse utilize
10 telehealth [in the care of the patient and if the services
11 are provided in a rural area of need.] Telehealth providers
12 shall be required to obtain patient consent before
13 telehealth services are initiated and ensure confidentiality
14 of medical information.

15 2. As used in this section, "telehealth" shall have
16 the same meaning as such term is defined in section 191.1145.

17 [3. (1) The boards shall jointly promulgate rules
18 governing the practice of telehealth under this section.
19 Such rules shall address, but not be limited to, appropriate
20 standards for the use of telehealth.

21 (2) Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
22 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the

23 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
24 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
25 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
26 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
27 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
28 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
29 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
30 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
31 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
32 2013, shall be invalid and void.

33 4. For purposes of this section, "rural area of need"
34 means any rural area of this state which is located in a
35 health professional shortage area as defined in section
36 354.650.]

335.203. 1. There is hereby established the "Nursing
2 Education Incentive Program" within the state board of
3 nursing.

4 2. Subject to appropriation and board disbursement,
5 grants shall be awarded through the nursing education
6 incentive program to eligible institutions of higher
7 education based on criteria jointly determined by the board
8 and the department of higher education and workforce
9 development. [Grant award amounts shall not exceed one
10 hundred fifty thousand dollars.] No campus shall receive
11 more than one grant per year.

12 3. To be considered for a grant, an eligible
13 institution of higher education shall offer a program of
14 nursing that meets the predetermined category and area of
15 need as established by the board and the department under
16 subsection 4 of this section.

17 4. The board and the department shall determine
18 categories and areas of need for designating grants to

19 eligible institutions of higher education. In establishing
20 categories and areas of need, the board and department may
21 consider criteria including, but not limited to:

22 (1) Data generated from licensure renewal data and the
23 department of health and senior services; and

24 (2) National nursing statistical data and trends that
25 have identified nursing shortages.

26 5. The board shall be the administrative agency
27 responsible for implementation of the program established
28 under sections 335.200 to 335.203, and shall promulgate
29 reasonable rules for the exercise of its functions and the
30 effectuation of the purposes of sections 335.200 to
31 335.203. The board shall, by rule, prescribe the form,
32 time, and method of filing applications and shall supervise
33 the processing of such applications.

34 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
35 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
36 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
37 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
38 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
39 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
40 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
41 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
42 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
43 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
44 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
45 2011, shall be invalid and void.

**335.205. The board, in addition to any other duties it
2 may have regarding licensure of nurses, shall collect, at
3 the time of any initial license application or license
4 renewal application, a nursing education incentive program
5 surcharge from each person licensed or relicensed under**

6 chapter 335, in the amount of one dollar per year for
7 practical nurses and five dollars per year for registered
8 professional nurses. These funds shall be deposited in the
9 state board of nursing fund described in section 335.036.

337.510. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard and any other military
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and
12 auxiliaries. Such term also includes the military reserves
13 and militia of any United States territory or state;

14 (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident
15 spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the
16 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
17 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been
18 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent
19 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,
20 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-
21 of-station basis;

22 (4) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active
23 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has
24 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the
25 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a
26 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is
27 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as
28 his or her home of record.

29 2. Each applicant for licensure as a professional
30 counselor shall furnish evidence to the committee that the
31 applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is a United
32 States citizen or is legally present in the United States;
33 and

34 (1) The applicant has completed a course of study as
35 defined by the board rule leading to a master's,
36 specialist's, or doctoral degree with a major in counseling,
37 except any applicant who has held a license as a
38 professional counselor in this state or currently holds a
39 license as a professional counselor in another state shall
40 not be required to have completed any courses related to
41 career development; and

42 (2) The applicant has completed acceptable supervised
43 counseling as defined by board rule. If the applicant has a
44 master's degree with a major in counseling as defined by
45 board rule, the applicant shall complete at least two years
46 of acceptable supervised counseling experience subsequent to
47 the receipt of the master's degree. The composition and
48 number of hours comprising the acceptable supervised
49 counseling experience shall be defined by board rule. An
50 applicant may substitute thirty semester hours of post
51 master's graduate study for one of the two required years of
52 acceptable supervised counseling experience if such hours
53 are clearly related to counseling;

54 (3) After August 28, 2007, each applicant shall have
55 completed a minimum of three hours of graduate level
56 coursework in diagnostic systems either in the curriculum
57 leading to a degree or as post master's graduate level
58 course work;

59 (4) Upon examination, the applicant is possessed of
60 requisite knowledge of the profession, including techniques

61 and applications, research and its interpretation, and
62 professional affairs and ethics.

63 [2. Any person holding a current license, certificate
64 of registration, or permit from another state or territory
65 of the United States to practice as a professional counselor
66 who does not meet the requirements in section 324.009 and
67 who is at least eighteen years of age, and is a United
68 States citizen or is legally present in the United States
69 may be granted a license without examination to engage in
70 the practice of professional counseling in this state upon
71 the application to the board, payment of the required fee as
72 established by the board, and satisfying one of the
73 following requirements:

74 (1) Approval by the American Association of State
75 Counseling Boards (AASCB) or its successor organization
76 according to the eligibility criteria established by AASCB.
77 The successor organization shall be defined by board rule; or

78 (2) In good standing and currently certified by the
79 National Board for Certified Counselors or its successor
80 organization and has completed acceptable supervised
81 counseling experience as defined by board rule. The
82 successor organization shall be defined by board rule.]

83 3. (1) Any person who holds a valid current
84 professional counselor license issued by another state, a
85 branch or unit of the military, a territory of the United
86 States, or the District of Columbia, and who has been
87 licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction,
88 may submit an application for a professional counselor
89 license in Missouri along with proof of current licensure
90 and proof of licensure for at least one year in the other
91 jurisdiction, to the committee.

92 (2) The committee shall:

93 (a) Within six months of receiving an application
94 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any
95 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
96 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines
97 that there were minimum education requirements and, if
98 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision
99 requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the
100 person met those requirements in order to be licensed or
101 certified in that state. The committee may require an
102 applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the
103 laws of this state; or

104 (b) Within thirty days of receiving an application
105 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection from a
106 nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse,
107 waive any examination, educational, or experience
108 requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant
109 and issue such applicant a license under this subsection if
110 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this
111 section.

112 (3) (a) The committee shall not waive any
113 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any
114 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by a
115 committee outside the state; who is currently under
116 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is
117 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in
118 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, with a committee outside
119 the state; who does not hold a license in good standing with
120 a committee outside the state; who has a criminal record
121 that would disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri;
122 or who does not hold a valid current license in the other
123 jurisdiction on the date the committee receives his or her
124 application under this section.

125 (b) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary
126 action against an applicant, the committee shall determine
127 if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
128 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that
129 jurisdiction, the committee may deny a license until the
130 matter is resolved.

131 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the
132 committee from denying a license to an applicant under this
133 subsection for any reason described in section 337.525.

134 (5) Any person who is licensed under the provisions of
135 this subsection shall be subject to the committee's
136 jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the
137 practice as a licensed professional counselor in this state.

138 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to waive
139 any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

140 4. The committee shall issue a license to each person
141 who files an application and fee and who furnishes evidence
142 satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has
143 complied with the provisions of this act and has taken and
144 passed a written, open-book examination on Missouri laws and
145 regulations governing the practice of professional
146 counseling as defined in section 337.500. The division
147 shall issue a provisional professional counselor license to
148 any applicant who meets all requirements of this section,
149 but who has not completed the required acceptable supervised
150 counseling experience and such applicant may reapply for
151 licensure as a professional counselor upon completion of
152 such acceptable supervised counseling experience.

153 [4.] 5. All persons licensed to practice professional
154 counseling in this state shall pay on or before the license
155 renewal date a renewal license fee and shall furnish to the
156 committee satisfactory evidence of the completion of the

157 requisite number of hours of continuing education as
158 required by rule, including two hours of suicide assessment,
159 referral, treatment, and management training, which shall be
160 no more than forty hours biennially. The continuing
161 education requirements may be waived by the committee upon
162 presentation to the committee of satisfactory evidence of
163 the illness of the licensee or for other good cause.

337.550. SECTION 1: PURPOSE

2 **The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate interstate**
3 **practice of Licensed Professional Counselors with the goal**
4 **of improving public access to Professional Counseling**
5 **services. The practice of Professional Counseling occurs in**
6 **the State where the client is located at the time of the**
7 **counseling services. The Compact preserves the regulatory**
8 **authority of States to protect public health and safety**
9 **through the current system of State licensure.**

10 **This Compact is designed to achieve the following**
11 **objectives:**

12 **A. Increase public access to Professional Counseling**
13 **services by providing for the mutual recognition of other**
14 **Member State licenses;**

15 **B. Enhance the States' ability to protect the public's**
16 **health and safety;**

17 **C. Encourage the cooperation of Member States in**
18 **regulating multistate practice for Licensed Professional**
19 **Counselors;**

20 **D. Support spouses of relocating Active Duty Military**
21 **personnel;**

22 **E. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative,**
23 **and disciplinary information among Member States;**

24 F. Allow for the use of Telehealth technology to
25 facilitate increased access to Professional Counseling
26 services;

27 G. Support the uniformity of Professional Counseling
28 licensure requirements throughout the States to promote
29 public safety and public health benefits;

30 H. Invest all Member States with the authority to hold
31 a Licensed Professional Counselor accountable for meeting
32 all State practice laws in the State in which the client is
33 located at the time care is rendered through the mutual
34 recognition of Member State licenses;

35 I. Eliminate the necessity for licenses in multiple
36 States; and

37 J. Provide opportunities for interstate practice by
38 Licensed Professional Counselors who meet uniform licensure
39 requirements.

40 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

41 As used in this Compact, and except as otherwise
42 provided, the following definitions shall apply:

43 A. "Active Duty Military" means full-time duty status
44 in the active uniformed service of the United States,
45 including members of the National Guard and Reserve on
46 active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and
47 1211.

48 B. "Adverse Action" means any administrative, civil,
49 equitable or criminal action permitted by a State's laws
50 which is imposed by a licensing board or other authority
51 against a Licensed Professional Counselor, including actions
52 against an individual's license or Privilege to Practice
53 such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the
54 licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice, or any
55 other Encumbrance on licensure affecting a Licensed

56 Professional Counselor's authorization to practice,
57 including issuance of a cease and desist action.

58 C. "Alternative Program" means a non-disciplinary
59 monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a
60 Professional Counseling Licensing Board to address Impaired
61 Practitioners.

62 D. "Continuing Competence/Education" means a
63 requirement, as a condition of license renewal, to provide
64 evidence of participation in, and/or completion of,
65 educational and professional activities relevant to practice
66 or area of work.

67 E. "Counseling Compact Commission" or "Commission"
68 means the national administrative body whose membership
69 consists of all States that have enacted the Compact.

70 F. "Current Significant Investigative Information"
71 means:

72 1. Investigative Information that a Licensing Board,
73 after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and
74 an opportunity for the Licensed Professional Counselor to
75 respond, if required by State law, has reason to believe is
76 not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than
77 a minor infraction; or

78 2. Investigative Information that indicates that the
79 Licensed Professional Counselor represents an immediate
80 threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the
81 Licensed Professional Counselor has been notified and had an
82 opportunity to respond.

83 G. "Data System" means a repository of information
84 about Licensees, including, but not limited to, continuing
85 education, examination, licensure, investigative, Privilege
86 to Practice and Adverse Action information.

87 H. "Encumbered License" means a license in which an
88 Adverse Action restricts the practice of licensed
89 Professional Counseling by the Licensee and said Adverse
90 Action has been reported to the National Practitioners Data
91 Bank (NPDB).

92 I. "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension of,
93 or any limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of
94 Licensed Professional Counseling by a Licensing Board.

95 J. "Executive Committee" means a group of directors
96 elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the
97 powers granted to them by, the Commission.

98 K. "Home State" means the Member State that is the
99 Licensee's primary State of residence.

100 L. "Impaired Practitioner" means an individual who has
101 a condition(s) that may impair their ability to practice as
102 a Licensed Professional Counselor without some type of
103 intervention and may include, but are not limited to,
104 alcohol and drug dependence, mental health impairment, and
105 neurological or physical impairments.

106 M. "Investigative Information" means information,
107 records, and documents received or generated by a
108 Professional Counseling Licensing Board pursuant to an
109 investigation.

110 N. "Jurisprudence Requirement" if required by a Member
111 State, means the assessment of an individual's knowledge of
112 the laws and Rules governing the practice of Professional
113 Counseling in a State.

114 O. "Licensed Professional Counselor" means a counselor
115 licensed by a Member State, regardless of the title used by
116 that State, to independently assess, diagnose, and treat
117 behavioral health conditions.

118 P. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds
119 an authorization from the State to practice as a Licensed
120 Professional Counselor.

121 Q. "Licensing Board" means the agency of a State, or
122 equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and
123 regulation of Licensed Professional Counselors.

124 R. "Member State" means a State that has enacted the
125 Compact.

126 S. "Privilege to Practice" means a legal
127 authorization, which is equivalent to a license, permitting
128 the practice of Professional Counseling in a Remote State.

129 T. "Professional Counseling" means the assessment,
130 diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral health conditions by
131 a Licensed Professional Counselor.

132 U. "Remote State" means a Member State other than the
133 Home State, where a Licensee is exercising or seeking to
134 exercise the Privilege to Practice.

135 V. "Rule" means a regulation promulgated by the
136 Commission that has the force of law.

137 W. "Single State License" means a Licensed
138 Professional Counselor license issued by a Member State that
139 authorizes practice only within the issuing State and does
140 not include a Privilege to Practice in any other Member
141 State.

142 X. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or
143 territory of the United States of America that regulates the
144 practice of Professional Counseling.

145 Y. "Telehealth" means the application of
146 telecommunication technology to deliver Professional
147 Counseling services remotely to assess, diagnose, and treat
148 behavioral health conditions.

149 Z. "Unencumbered License" means a license that
150 authorizes a Licensed Professional Counselor to engage in
151 the full and unrestricted practice of Professional
152 Counseling.

153 SECTION 3. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

154 A. To Participate in the Compact, a State must
155 currently:

156 1. License and regulate Licensed Professional
157 Counselors;

158 2. Require Licensees to pass a nationally recognized
159 exam approved by the Commission;

160 3. Require Licensees to have a 60 semester-hour (or 90
161 quarter-hour) master's degree in counseling or 60 semester-
162 hours (or 90 quarter-hours) of graduate course work
163 including the following topic areas:

164 a. Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical
165 Practice;

166 b. Social and Cultural Diversity;

167 c. Human Growth and Development;

168 d. Career Development;

169 e. Counseling and Helping Relationships;

170 f. Group Counseling and Group Work;

171 g. Diagnosis and Treatment; Assessment and Testing;

172 h. Research and Program Evaluation; and

173 i. Other areas as determined by the Commission.

174 4. Require Licensees to complete a supervised
175 postgraduate professional experience as defined by the
176 Commission;

177 5. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and
178 investigating complaints about Licensees.

179 B. A Member State shall:

180 1. Participate fully in the Commission's Data System,
181 including using the Commission's unique identifier as
182 defined in Rules;

183 2. Notify the Commission, in compliance with the terms
184 of the Compact and Rules, of any Adverse Action or the
185 availability of Investigative Information regarding a
186 Licensee;

187 3. Implement or utilize procedures for considering the
188 criminal history records of applicants for an initial
189 Privilege to Practice. These procedures shall include the
190 submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based
191 information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an
192 applicant's criminal history record information from the
193 Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible
194 for retaining that State's criminal records;

195 a. A member state must fully implement a criminal
196 background check requirement, within a time frame
197 established by rule, by receiving the results of the Federal
198 Bureau of Investigation record search and shall use the
199 results in making licensure decisions.

200 b. Communication between a Member State, the
201 Commission and among Member States regarding the
202 verification of eligibility for licensure through the
203 Compact shall not include any information received from the
204 Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal
205 criminal records check performed by a Member State under
206 Public Law 92-544.

207 4. Comply with the Rules of the Commission;

208 5. Require an applicant to obtain or retain a license
209 in the Home State and meet the Home State's qualifications
210 for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other
211 applicable State laws;

212 6. Grant the Privilege to Practice to a Licensee
213 holding a valid Unencumbered License in another Member State
214 in accordance with the terms of the Compact and Rules; and

215 7. Provide for the attendance of the State's
216 commissioner to the Counseling Compact Commission meetings.

217 C. Member States may charge a fee for granting the
218 Privilege to Practice.

219 D. Individuals not residing in a Member State shall
220 continue to be able to apply for a Member State's Single
221 State License as provided under the laws of each Member
222 State. However, the Single State License granted to these
223 individuals shall not be recognized as granting a Privilege
224 to Practice Professional Counseling in any other Member
225 State.

226 E. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the
227 requirements established by a Member State for the issuance
228 of a Single State License.

229 F. A license issued to a Licensed Professional
230 Counselor by a Home State to a resident in that State shall
231 be recognized by each Member State as authorizing a Licensed
232 Professional Counselor to practice Professional Counseling,
233 under a Privilege to Practice, in each Member State.

234 SECTION 4. PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE

235 A. To exercise the Privilege to Practice under the
236 terms and provisions of the Compact, the Licensee shall:

237 1. Hold a license in the Home State;

238 2. Have a valid United States Social Security Number
239 or National Practitioner Identifier;

240 3. Be eligible for a Privilege to Practice in any
241 Member State in accordance with Section 4(D), (G) and (H);

242 4. Have not had any Encumbrance or restriction against
243 any license or Privilege to Practice within the previous two
244 (2) years;

245 5. Notify the Commission that the Licensee is seeking
246 the Privilege to Practice within a Remote State(s);

247 6. Pay any applicable fees, including any State fee,
248 for the Privilege to Practice;

249 7. Meet any Continuing Competence/Education
250 requirements established by the Home State;

251 8. Meet any Jurisprudence Requirements established by
252 the Remote State(s) in which the Licensee is seeking a
253 Privilege to Practice; and

254 9. Report to the Commission any Adverse Action,
255 Encumbrance, or restriction on license taken by any non-
256 Member State within 30 days from the date the action is
257 taken.

258 B. The Privilege to Practice is valid until the
259 expiration date of the Home State license. The Licensee
260 must comply with the requirements of Section 4(A) to
261 maintain the Privilege to Practice in the Remote State.

262 C. A Licensee providing Professional Counseling in a
263 Remote State under the Privilege to Practice shall adhere to
264 the laws and regulations of the Remote State.

265 D. A Licensee providing Professional Counseling
266 services in a Remote State is subject to that State's
267 regulatory authority. A Remote State may, in accordance
268 with due process and that State's laws, remove a Licensee's
269 Privilege to Practice in the Remote State for a specific
270 period of time, impose fines, and/or take any other
271 necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its
272 citizens. The Licensee may be ineligible for a Privilege to

273 Practice in any Member State until the specific time for
274 removal has passed and all fines are paid.

275 E. If a Home State license is encumbered, the Licensee
276 shall lose the Privilege to Practice in any Remote State
277 until the following occur:

278 1. The Home State license is no longer encumbered; and

279 2. Have not had any Encumbrance or restriction against
280 any license or Privilege to Practice within the previous two
281 (2) years.

282 F. Once an Encumbered License in the Home State is
283 restored to good standing, the Licensee must meet the
284 requirements of Section 4(A) to obtain a Privilege to
285 Practice in any Remote State.

286 G. If a Licensee's Privilege to Practice in any Remote
287 State is removed, the individual may lose the Privilege to
288 Practice in all other Remote States until the following
289 occur:

290 1. The specific period of time for which the Privilege
291 to Practice was removed has ended;

292 2. All fines have been paid; and

293 3. Have not had any Encumbrance or restriction against
294 any license or Privilege to Practice within the previous two
295 (2) years.

296 H. Once the requirements of Section 4(G) have been
297 met, the Licensee must meet the requirements in Section 4(A)
298 to obtain a Privilege to Practice in a Remote State.

299 SECTION 5: OBTAINING A NEW HOME STATE LICENSE BASED ON
300 A PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE

301 A. A Licensed Professional Counselor may hold a Home
302 State license, which allows for a Privilege to Practice in
303 other Member States, in only one Member State at a time.

304 B. If a Licensed Professional Counselor changes
305 primary State of residence by moving between two Member
306 States:

307 1. The Licensed Professional Counselor shall file an
308 application for obtaining a new Home State license based on
309 a Privilege to Practice, pay all applicable fees, and notify
310 the current and new Home State in accordance with applicable
311 Rules adopted by the Commission.

312 2. Upon receipt of an application for obtaining a new
313 Home State license by virtue of a Privilege to Practice, the
314 new Home State shall verify that the Licensed Professional
315 Counselor meets the pertinent criteria outlined in Section 4
316 via the Data System, without need for primary source
317 verification except for:

318 a. a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint based
319 criminal background check if not previously performed or
320 updated pursuant to applicable rules adopted by the
321 Commission in accordance with Public Law 92-544;

322 b. other criminal background check as required by the
323 new Home State; and

324 c. completion of any requisite Jurisprudence
325 Requirements of the new Home State.

326 3. The former Home State shall convert the former Home
327 State license into a Privilege to Practice once the new Home
328 State has activated the new Home State license in accordance
329 with applicable Rules adopted by the Commission.

330 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
331 Compact, if the Licensed Professional Counselor cannot meet
332 the criteria in Section 4, the new Home State may apply its
333 requirements for issuing a new Single State License.

334 5. The Licensed Professional Counselor shall pay all
335 applicable fees to the new Home State in order to be issued
336 a new Home State license.

337 C. If a Licensed Professional Counselor changes
338 Primary State of Residence by moving from a Member State to
339 a non-Member State, or from a non-Member State to a Member
340 State, the State criteria shall apply for issuance of a
341 Single State License in the new State.

342 D. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with a
343 Licensee's ability to hold a Single State License in
344 multiple States, however for the purposes of this Compact, a
345 Licensee shall have only one Home State license.

346 E. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the
347 requirements established by a Member State for the issuance
348 of a Single State License.

349 SECTION 6. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR THEIR
350 SPOUSES

351 Active Duty Military personnel, or their spouse, shall
352 designate a Home State where the individual has a current
353 license in good standing. The individual may retain the
354 Home State designation during the period the service member
355 is on active duty. Subsequent to designating a Home State,
356 the individual shall only change their Home State through
357 application for licensure in the new State, or through the
358 process outlined in Section 5.

359 SECTION 7. COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE TELEHEALTH

360 A. Member States shall recognize the right of a
361 Licensed Professional Counselor, licensed by a Home State in
362 accordance with Section 3 and under Rules promulgated by the
363 Commission, to practice Professional Counseling in any
364 Member State via Telehealth under a Privilege to Practice as

365 provided in the Compact and Rules promulgated by the
366 Commission.

367 B. A Licensee providing Professional Counseling
368 services in a Remote State under the Privilege to Practice
369 shall adhere to the laws and regulations of the Remote State.

370 SECTION 8. ADVERSE ACTIONS

371 A. In addition to the other powers conferred by State
372 law, a Remote State shall have the authority, in accordance
373 with existing State due process law, to:

374 1. Take Adverse Action against a Licensed Professional
375 Counselor's Privilege to Practice within that Member State,
376 and

377 2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and
378 investigations that require the attendance and testimony of
379 witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas
380 issued by a Licensing Board in a Member State for the
381 attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of
382 evidence from another Member State shall be enforced in the
383 latter State by any court of competent jurisdiction,
384 according to the practice and procedure of that court
385 applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before
386 it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees,
387 travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the
388 service statutes of the State in which the witnesses or
389 evidence are located.

390 3. Only the Home State shall have the power to take
391 Adverse Action against a Licensed Professional Counselor's
392 license issued by the Home State.

393 B. For purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Home
394 State shall give the same priority and effect to reported
395 conduct received from a Member State as it would if the
396 conduct had occurred within the Home State. In so doing,

397 the Home State shall apply its own State laws to determine
398 appropriate action.

399 C. The Home State shall complete any pending
400 investigations of a Licensed Professional Counselor who
401 changes primary State of residence during the course of the
402 investigations. The Home State shall also have the
403 authority to take appropriate action(s) and shall promptly
404 report the conclusions of the investigations to the
405 administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the
406 coordinated licensure information system shall promptly
407 notify the new Home State of any Adverse Actions.

408 D. A Member State, if otherwise permitted by State
409 law, may recover from the affected Licensed Professional
410 Counselor the costs of investigations and dispositions of
411 cases resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that
412 Licensed Professional Counselor.

413 E. A Member State may take Adverse Action based on the
414 factual findings of the Remote State, provided that the
415 Member State follows its own procedures for taking the
416 Adverse Action.

417 F. Joint Investigations:

418 1. In addition to the authority granted to a Member
419 State by its respective Professional Counseling practice act
420 or other applicable State law, any Member State may
421 participate with other Member States in joint investigations
422 of Licensees.

423 2. Member States shall share any investigative,
424 litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any
425 joint or individual investigation initiated under the
426 Compact.

427 G. If Adverse Action is taken by the Home State
428 against the license of a Licensed Professional Counselor,

429 the Licensed Professional Counselor's Privilege to Practice
430 in all other Member States shall be deactivated until all
431 Encumbrances have been removed from the State license. All
432 Home State disciplinary orders that impose Adverse Action
433 against the license of a Licensed Professional Counselor
434 shall include a Statement that the Licensed Professional
435 Counselor's Privilege to Practice is deactivated in all
436 Member States during the pendency of the order.

437 H. If a Member State takes Adverse Action, it shall
438 promptly notify the administrator of the Data System. The
439 administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the
440 Home State of any Adverse Actions by Remote States.

441 I. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Member
442 State's decision that participation in an Alternative
443 Program may be used in lieu of Adverse Action.

444 SECTION 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNSELING COMPACT
445 COMMISSION

446 A. The Compact Member States hereby create and
447 establish a joint public agency known as the Counseling
448 Compact Commission:

449 1. The Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact
450 States.

451 2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or
452 against the Commission shall be brought solely and
453 exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the
454 principal office of the Commission is located. The
455 Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to
456 the extent it adopts or consents to participate in
457 alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

458 3. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a
459 waiver of sovereign immunity.

460 B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

461 1. Each Member State shall have and be limited to one
462 (1) delegate selected by that Member State's Licensing Board.

463 2. The delegate shall be either:

464 a. A current member of the Licensing Board at the time
465 of appointment, who is a Licensed Professional Counselor or
466 public member; or

467 b. An administrator of the Licensing Board.

468 3. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from
469 office as provided by the law of the State from which the
470 delegate is appointed.

471 4. The Member State Licensing Board shall fill any
472 vacancy occurring on the Commission within 60 days.

473 5. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote
474 with regard to the promulgation of Rules and creation of
475 bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to
476 participate in the business and affairs of the Commission.

477 6. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other
478 means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for
479 delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or other
480 means of communication.

481 7. The Commission shall meet at least once during each
482 calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set
483 forth in the bylaws.

484 8. The Commission shall by Rule establish a term of
485 office for delegates and may by Rule establish term limits.

486 C. The Commission shall have the following powers and
487 duties:

488 1. Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;

489 2. Establish bylaws;

490 3. Maintain its financial records in accordance with
491 the bylaws;

492 4. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with
493 the provisions of this Compact and the bylaws;

494 5. Promulgate Rules which shall be binding to the
495 extent and in the manner provided for in the Compact;

496 6. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in
497 the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of
498 any State Licensing Board to sue or be sued under applicable
499 law shall not be affected;

500 7. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

501 8. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of
502 personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a
503 Member State;

504 9. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix
505 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals
506 appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the
507 Compact, and establish the Commission's personnel policies
508 and programs relating to conflicts of interest,
509 qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel
510 matters;

511 10. Accept any and all appropriate donations and
512 grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and
513 services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the same;
514 provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any
515 appearance of impropriety and/or conflict of interest;

516 11. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or
517 donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any
518 property, real, personal or mixed; provided that at all
519 times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of
520 impropriety;

521 12. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
522 abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real,
523 personal, or mixed;

524 13. Establish a budget and make expenditures;
525 14. Borrow money;
526 15. Appoint committees, including standing committees
527 composed of members, State regulators, State legislators or
528 their representatives, and consumer representatives, and
529 such other interested persons as may be designated in this
530 Compact and the bylaws;

531 16. Provide and receive information from, and
532 cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

533 17. Establish and elect an Executive Committee; and

534 18. Perform such other functions as may be necessary
535 or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact
536 consistent with the State regulation of Professional
537 Counseling licensure and practice.

538 D. The Executive Committee

539 1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act
540 on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this
541 Compact.

542 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of up to
543 eleven (11) members:

544 a. Seven voting members who are elected by the
545 Commission from the current membership of the Commission; and

546 b. Up to four (4) ex-officio, nonvoting members from
547 four (4) recognized national professional counselor
548 organizations.

549 c. The ex-officio members will be selected by their
550 respective organizations.

551 3. The Commission may remove any member of the
552 Executive Committee as provided in bylaws.

553 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least
554 annually.

555 5. The Executive Committee shall have the following
556 duties and responsibilities:

557 a. Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the
558 Rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees
559 paid by Compact Member States such as annual dues, and any
560 Commission Compact fee charged to Licensees for the
561 Privilege to Practice;

562 b. Ensure Compact administration services are
563 appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;

564 c. Prepare and recommend the budget;

565 d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the
566 Commission;

567 e. Monitor Compact compliance of Member States and
568 provide compliance reports to the Commission;

569 f. Establish additional committees as necessary; and

570 g. Other duties as provided in Rules or bylaws.

571 E. Meetings of the Commission

572 1. All meetings shall be open to the public, and
573 public notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner
574 as required under the Rulemaking provisions in Section 11.

575 2. The Commission or the Executive Committee or other
576 committees of the Commission may convene in a closed, non-
577 public meeting if the Commission or Executive Committee or
578 other committees of the Commission must discuss:

579 a. Non-compliance of a Member State with its
580 obligations under the Compact;

581 b. The employment, compensation, discipline or other
582 matters, practices or procedures related to specific
583 employees or other matters related to the Commission's
584 internal personnel practices and procedures;

585 c. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
586 litigation;

- 587 d. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease,
588 or sale of goods, services, or real estate;
- 589 e. Accusing any person of a crime or formally
590 censuring any person;
- 591 f. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or
592 financial information that is privileged or confidential;
- 593 g. Disclosure of information of a personal nature
594 where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted
595 invasion of personal privacy;
- 596 h. Disclosure of investigative records compiled for
597 law enforcement purposes;
- 598 i. Disclosure of information related to any
599 investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use
600 of the Commission or other committee charged with
601 responsibility of investigation or determination of
602 compliance issues pursuant to the Compact; or
- 603 j. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by
604 federal or Member State statute.
- 605 3. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed
606 pursuant to this provision, the Commission's legal counsel
607 or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and
608 shall reference each relevant exempting provision.
- 609 4. The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and
610 clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and
611 shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken,
612 and the reasons therefore, including a description of the
613 views expressed. All documents considered in connection
614 with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All
615 minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under
616 seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the
617 Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 618 F. Financing of the Commission

619 1. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the
620 payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,
621 organization, and ongoing activities.

622 2. The Commission may accept any and all appropriate
623 revenue sources, donations, and grants of money, equipment,
624 supplies, materials, and services.

625 3. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual
626 assessment from each Member State or impose fees on other
627 parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities
628 of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total
629 amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved
630 each year for which revenue is not provided by other
631 sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be
632 allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the
633 Commission, which shall promulgate a Rule binding upon all
634 Member States.

635 4. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any
636 kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same;
637 nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of the
638 Member States, except by and with the authority of the
639 Member State.

640 5. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all
641 receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements
642 of the Commission shall be subject to the audit and
643 accounting procedures established under its bylaws.
644 However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by
645 the Commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or
646 licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit
647 shall be included in and become part of the annual report of
648 the Commission.

649 G. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

650 1. The members, officers, executive director,
651 employees and representatives of the Commission shall be
652 immune from suit and liability, either personally or in
653 their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss
654 of property or personal injury or other civil liability
655 caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error
656 or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom
657 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing
658 occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties
659 or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph
660 shall be construed to protect any such person from suit
661 and/or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability
662 caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of
663 that person.

664 2. The Commission shall defend any member, officer,
665 executive director, employee or representative of the
666 Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability
667 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission
668 that occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
669 duties, or responsibilities, or that the person against whom
670 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing
671 occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties,
672 or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be
673 construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her
674 own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or
675 alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that
676 person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

677 3. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless
678 any member, officer, executive director, employee, or
679 representative of the Commission for the amount of any
680 settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising
681 out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that

682 occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties,
683 or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable
684 basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission
685 employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the
686 actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result
687 from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that
688 person.

689 SECTION 10. DATA SYSTEM

690 A. The Commission shall provide for the development,
691 maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated
692 database and reporting system containing licensure, Adverse
693 Action, and Investigative Information on all licensed
694 individuals in Member States.

695 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to
696 the contrary, a Member State shall submit a uniform data set
697 to the Data System on all individuals to whom this Compact
698 is applicable as required by the Rules of the Commission,
699 including:

- 700 1. Identifying information;
- 701 2. Licensure data;
- 702 3. Adverse Actions against a license or Privilege to
703 Practice;
- 704 4. Non-confidential information related to Alternative
705 Program participation;
- 706 5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the
707 reason(s) for such denial;
- 708 6. Current Significant Investigative Information; and
- 709 7. Other information that may facilitate the
710 administration of this Compact, as determined by the Rules
711 of the Commission.

712 C. Investigative Information pertaining to a Licensee
713 in any Member State will only be available to other Member
714 States.

715 D. The Commission shall promptly notify all Member
716 States of any Adverse Action taken against a Licensee or an
717 individual applying for a license. Adverse Action
718 information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State
719 will be available to any other Member State.

720 E. Member States contributing information to the Data
721 System may designate information that may not be shared with
722 the public without the express permission of the
723 contributing State.

724 F. Any information submitted to the Data System that
725 is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the
726 Member State contributing the information shall be removed
727 from the Data System.

728 SECTION 11. RULEMAKING

729 A. The Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules in
730 order to effectively and efficiently achieve the purpose of
731 the Compact. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event
732 the Commission exercises its Rulemaking authority in a
733 manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of the
734 Compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an
735 action by the Commission shall be invalid and have no force
736 or effect.

737 B. The Commission shall exercise its Rulemaking powers
738 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the
739 Rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become
740 binding as of the date specified in each Rule or amendment.

741 C. If a majority of the legislatures of the Member
742 States rejects a Rule, by enactment of a statute or
743 resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact

744 within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the Rule,
745 then such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any
746 Member State.

747 D. Rules or amendments to the Rules shall be adopted
748 at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.

749 E. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final Rule
750 or Rules by the Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in
751 advance of the meeting at which the Rule will be considered
752 and voted upon, the Commission shall file a Notice of
753 Proposed Rulemaking:

754 1. On the website of the Commission or other publicly
755 accessible platform; and

756 2. On the website of each Member State Professional
757 Counseling Licensing Board or other publicly accessible
758 platform or the publication in which each State would
759 otherwise publish proposed Rules.

760 F. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

761 1. The proposed time, date, and location of the
762 meeting in which the Rule will be considered and voted upon;

763 2. The text of the proposed Rule or amendment and the
764 reason for the proposed Rule;

765 3. A request for comments on the proposed Rule from
766 any interested person; and

767 4. The manner in which interested persons may submit
768 notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the
769 public hearing and any written comments.

770 G. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the
771 Commission shall allow persons to submit written data,
772 facts, opinions, and arguments, which shall be made
773 available to the public.

774 H. The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a
775 public hearing before it adopts a Rule or amendment if a
776 hearing is requested by:

777 1. At least twenty-five (25) persons;

778 2. A State or federal governmental subdivision or
779 agency; or

780 3. An association having at least twenty-five (25)
781 members.

782 I. If a hearing is held on the proposed Rule or
783 amendment, the Commission shall publish the place, time, and
784 date of the scheduled public hearing. If the hearing is
785 held via electronic means, the Commission shall publish the
786 mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.

787 1. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing
788 shall notify the executive director of the Commission or
789 other designated member in writing of their desire to appear
790 and testify at the hearing not less than five (5) business
791 days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

792 2. Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing
793 each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable
794 opportunity to comment orally or in writing.

795 3. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the
796 recording will be made available on request.

797 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
798 requiring a separate hearing on each Rule. Rules may be
799 grouped for the convenience of the Commission at hearings
800 required by this section.

801 J. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the
802 close of business on the scheduled hearing date if the
803 hearing was not held, the Commission shall consider all
804 written and oral comments received.

805 K. If no written notice of intent to attend the public
806 hearing by interested parties is received, the Commission
807 may proceed with promulgation of the proposed Rule without a
808 public hearing.

809 L. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all
810 members, take final action on the proposed Rule and shall
811 determine the effective date of the Rule, if any, based on
812 the Rulemaking record and the full text of the Rule.

813 M. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the
814 Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule without
815 prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided
816 that the usual Rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact
817 and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the
818 Rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than
819 ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Rule. For
820 the purposes of this provision, an emergency Rule is one
821 that must be adopted immediately in order to:

- 822 1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety,
823 or welfare;
- 824 2. Prevent a loss of Commission or Member State funds;
- 825 3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an
826 administrative Rule that is established by federal law or
827 Rule; or
- 828 4. Protect public health and safety.

829 N. The Commission or an authorized committee of the
830 Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted Rule
831 or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical
832 errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or
833 grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be
834 posted on the website of the Commission. The revision shall
835 be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty
836 (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged

837 only on grounds that the revision results in a material
838 change to a Rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and
839 delivered to the chair of the Commission prior to the end of
840 the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision
841 will take effect without further action. If the revision is
842 challenged, the revision may not take effect without the
843 approval of the Commission.

844 SECTION 12. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND
845 ENFORCEMENT

846 A. Oversight

847 1. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches
848 of State government in each Member State shall enforce this
849 Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to
850 effectuate the Compact's purposes and intent. The
851 provisions of this Compact and the Rules promulgated
852 hereunder shall have standing as statutory law.

853 2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the
854 Compact and the Rules in any judicial or administrative
855 proceeding in a Member State pertaining to the subject
856 matter of this Compact which may affect the powers,
857 responsibilities, or actions of the Commission.

858 3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service
859 of process in any such proceeding and shall have standing to
860 intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to
861 provide service of process to the Commission shall render a
862 judgment or order void as to the Commission, this Compact,
863 or promulgated Rules.

864 B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

865 1. If the Commission determines that a Member State
866 has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or
867 responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated
868 Rules, the Commission shall:

869 a. Provide written notice to the defaulting State and
870 other Member States of the nature of the default, the
871 proposed means of curing the default and/or any other action
872 to be taken by the Commission; and

873 b. Provide remedial training and specific technical
874 assistance regarding the default.

875 c. If a State in default fails to cure the default,
876 the defaulting State may be terminated from the Compact upon
877 an affirmative vote of a majority of the Member States, and
878 all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this
879 Compact may be terminated on the effective date of
880 termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the
881 offending State of obligations or liabilities incurred
882 during the period of default.

883 d. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be
884 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance
885 have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or
886 terminate shall be given by the Commission to the governor,
887 the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting State's
888 legislature, and each of the Member States.

889 e. A State that has been terminated is responsible for
890 all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred
891 through the effective date of termination, including
892 obligations that extend beyond the effective date of
893 termination.

894 f. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to
895 a State that is found to be in default or that has been
896 terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing
897 between the Commission and the defaulting State.

898 g. The defaulting State may appeal the action of the
899 Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the
900 District of Columbia or the federal district where the

901 Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing member
902 shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including
903 reasonable attorney's fees.

904 H. Dispute Resolution

905 1. Upon request by a Member State, the Commission
906 shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact
907 that arise among Member States and between member and non-
908 Member States.

909 2. The Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing
910 for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for
911 disputes as appropriate.

912 I. Enforcement

913 1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its
914 discretion, shall enforce the provisions and Rules of this
915 Compact.

916 2. By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal
917 action in the United States District Court for the District
918 of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has
919 its principal offices against a Member State in default to
920 enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and
921 its promulgated Rules and bylaws. The relief sought may
922 include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event
923 judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member
924 shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including
925 reasonable attorney's fees.

926 3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive
927 remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any
928 other remedies available under federal or State law.

929 SECTION 13. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNSELING
930 COMPACT COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL, AND
931 AMENDMENT

932 A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on
933 which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth
934 Member State. The provisions, which become effective at
935 that time, shall be limited to the powers granted to the
936 Commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of
937 Rules. Thereafter, the Commission shall meet and exercise
938 Rulemaking powers necessary to the implementation and
939 administration of the Compact.

940 B. Any State that joins the Compact subsequent to the
941 Commission's initial adoption of the Rules shall be subject
942 to the Rules as they exist on the date on which the Compact
943 becomes law in that State. Any Rule that has been
944 previously adopted by the Commission shall have the full
945 force and effect of law on the day the Compact becomes law
946 in that State.

947 C. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by
948 enacting a statute repealing the same.

949 1. A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect
950 until six (6) months after enactment of the repealing
951 statute.

952 2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing
953 requirement of the withdrawing State's Professional
954 Counseling Licensing Board to comply with the investigative
955 and Adverse Action reporting requirements of this act prior
956 to the effective date of withdrawal.

957 D. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be
958 construed to invalidate or prevent any Professional
959 Counseling licensure agreement or other cooperative
960 arrangement between a Member State and a non-Member State
961 that does not conflict with the provisions of this Compact.

962 E. This Compact may be amended by the Member States.
963 No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and

964 binding upon any Member State until it is enacted into the
965 laws of all Member States.

966 SECTION 14. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

967 This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to
968 effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this
969 Compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause,
970 sentence or provision of this Compact is declared to be
971 contrary to the constitution of any Member State or of the
972 United States or the applicability thereof to any
973 government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid,
974 the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the
975 applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or
976 circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this Compact
977 shall be held contrary to the constitution of any Member
978 State, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as
979 to the remaining Member States and in full force and effect
980 as to the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

981 SECTION 15. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS

982 A. A Licensee providing Professional Counseling
983 services in a Remote State under the Privilege to Practice
984 shall adhere to the laws and regulations, including scope of
985 practice, of the Remote State.

986 B. Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any
987 other law of a Member State that is not inconsistent with
988 the Compact.

989 C. Any laws in a Member State in conflict with the
990 Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

991 D. Any lawful actions of the Commission, including all
992 Rules and bylaws properly promulgated by the Commission, are
993 binding upon the Member States.

994 E. All permissible agreements between the Commission
995 and the Member States are binding in accordance with their
996 terms.

997 F. In the event any provision of the Compact exceeds
998 the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any
999 Member State, the provision shall be ineffective to the
1000 extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in
1001 question in that Member State.

337.615. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and
12 auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military
13 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

14 (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident
15 spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the
16 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
17 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been
18 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent
19 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,
20 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-
21 of-station basis;

22 (4) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency,
23 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

24 (5) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active-
25 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has
26 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the
27 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a
28 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is
29 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as
30 his or her home of record.

31 2. Each applicant for licensure as a clinical social
32 worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

33 (1) The applicant has a master's degree from a college
34 or university program of social work accredited by the
35 council of social work education or a doctorate degree from
36 a school of social work acceptable to the committee;

37 (2) The applicant has completed at least three
38 thousand hours of supervised clinical experience with a
39 qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in section
40 337.600, in no less than twenty-four months and no more than
41 forty-eight consecutive calendar months. For any applicant
42 who has successfully completed at least four thousand hours
43 of supervised clinical experience with a qualified clinical
44 supervisor, as defined in section 337.600, within the same
45 time frame prescribed in this subsection, the applicant
46 shall be eligible for application of licensure at three
47 thousand hours and shall be furnished a certificate by the
48 state committee for social workers acknowledging the
49 completion of said additional hours;

50 (3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as
51 defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the
52 committee. The eligibility requirements for such
53 examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;
54 **and**

55 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,
56 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident
57 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found
58 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a
59 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the
60 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly
61 related to the duties and responsibilities of the
62 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of
63 whether or not sentence has been imposed.

64 [2.Any person holding a current license, certificate of
65 registration, or permit from another state or territory of
66 the United States or the District of Columbia to practice
67 clinical social work who does not meet the requirements of
68 section 324.009 and who has had no disciplinary action
69 taken against the license, certificate of registration, or
70 permit for the preceding five years may be granted a license
71 to practice clinical social work in this state if the person
72 has received a masters or doctoral degree from a college or
73 university program of social work accredited by the council
74 of social work education and has been licensed to practice
75 clinical social work for the preceding five years.]

76 3. (1) **Any person who holds a valid current clinical**
77 **social work license issued by another state, a branch or**
78 **unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or**
79 **the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at**
80 **least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the**
81 **committee an application for a clinical social work license**
82 **in Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof**
83 **of licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.**

84 (2) **The committee shall:**

85 (a) **Within six months of receiving an application**
86 **described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any**

87 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
88 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines
89 that there were minimum education requirements and, if
90 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision
91 requirements in effect and the other jurisdiction verifies
92 that the person met those requirements in order to be
93 licensed or certified in that jurisdiction. The committee
94 may require an applicant to take and pass an examination
95 specific to the laws of this state; or

96 (b) Within thirty days of receiving an application
97 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection from a
98 nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse,
99 waive any examination, educational, or experience
100 requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant
101 and issue such applicant a license under this subsection if
102 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this
103 subsection.

104 (3) (a) The committee shall not waive any
105 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any
106 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an
107 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under
108 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is
109 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in
110 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, with an oversight body
111 outside the state; who does not hold a license in good
112 standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a
113 criminal record that would disqualify him or her for
114 licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current
115 license in the other jurisdiction on the date the committee
116 receives his or her application under this section.

117 (b) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary
118 action against an applicant, the committee shall determine

119 if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
120 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that
121 jurisdiction, the committee may deny a license until the
122 matter is resolved.

123 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the
124 committee from denying a license to an applicant under this
125 subsection for any reason described in section 337.630.

126 (5) Any person who is licensed under the provisions of
127 this subsection shall be subject to the committee's
128 jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the
129 practice as a licensed clinical social worker in this state.

130 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to waive
131 any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

132 4. The committee shall issue a license to each person
133 who files an application and fee as required by the
134 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes
135 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant
136 has complied with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4)
137 of subsection [1] 2 of this section [or with the provisions
138 of subsection 2 of this section].

337.644. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and

12 auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military
13 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

14 (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident
15 spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the
16 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
17 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been
18 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent
19 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,
20 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-
21 of-station basis;

22 (4) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency,
23 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

24 (5) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active-
25 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has
26 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the
27 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a
28 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is
29 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as
30 his or her home of record.

31 2. Each applicant for licensure as a master social
32 worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

33 (1) The applicant has a master's or doctorate degree
34 in social work from an accredited social work degree program
35 approved by the council of social work education;

36 (2) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as
37 defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the
38 committee. The eligibility requirements for such
39 examination shall be determined by the state committee for
40 social workers;

41 (3) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,
42 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident
43 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found

44 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a
45 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the
46 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly
47 related to the duties and responsibilities of the
48 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless [or]
49 of whether or not sentence is imposed;

50 (4) The applicant has submitted a written application
51 on forms prescribed by the state board; **and**

52 (5) The applicant has submitted the required licensing
53 fee, as determined by the committee.

54 [2.] 3. Any applicant who answers in the affirmative
55 to any question on the application that relates to possible
56 grounds for denial of licensure under section 337.630 shall
57 submit a sworn affidavit setting forth in detail the facts
58 which explain such answer and copies of appropriate
59 documents related to such answer.

60 [3.] 4. The committee shall issue a license to each
61 person who files an application and fee as required by the
62 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes
63 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant
64 has complied with the provisions of subsection [1] 2 of this
65 section. The license shall refer to the individual as a
66 licensed master social worker and shall recognize that
67 individual's right to practice licensed master social work
68 as defined in section 337.600.

69 5. (1) **Any person who holds a valid current master**
70 **social work license issued by another state, a branch or**
71 **unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or**
72 **the District of Columbia, and who has been licensed for at**
73 **least one year in such other jurisdiction, may submit to the**
74 **committee an application for a master social work license in**

75 Missouri along with proof of current licensure and proof of
76 licensure for at least one year in the other jurisdiction.

77 (2) The committee shall:

78 (a) Within six months of receiving an application
79 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any
80 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
81 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines
82 that there were minimum education requirements and, if
83 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision
84 requirements in effect and the other jurisdiction verifies
85 that the person met those requirements in order to be
86 licensed or certified in that jurisdiction. The committee
87 may require an applicant to take and pass an examination
88 specific to the laws of this state; or

89 (b) Within thirty days of receiving an application
90 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection from a
91 nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse,
92 waive any examination, educational, or experience
93 requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant
94 and issue such applicant a license under this subsection if
95 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this
96 subsection.

97 (3) (a) The committee shall not waive any
98 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any
99 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an
100 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under
101 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is
102 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in
103 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, with an oversight body
104 outside the state; who does not hold a license in good
105 standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a
106 criminal record that would disqualify him or her for

107 licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current
108 license in the other jurisdiction on the date the committee
109 receives his or her application under this section.

110 (b) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary
111 action against an applicant, the committee shall determine
112 if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
113 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that
114 jurisdiction, the committee may deny a license until the
115 matter is resolved.

116 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the
117 committee from denying a license to an applicant under this
118 subsection for any reason described in section 337.630.

119 (5) Any person who is licensed under the provisions of
120 this subsection shall be subject to the committee's
121 jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the
122 practice as a licensed master social worker in this state.

123 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to waive
124 any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

337.665. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "License", a license, certificate, registration,
4 permit, accreditation, or military occupational specialty
5 that enables a person to legally practice an occupation or
6 profession in a particular jurisdiction;

7 (2) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States,
8 including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps,
9 Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military
10 branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and
12 auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military
13 reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

14 (3) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident
15 spouse of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the
16 United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be
17 transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been
18 transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent
19 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri,
20 or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-
21 of-station basis;

22 (4) "Oversight body", any board, department, agency,
23 or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses;

24 (5) "Resident military spouse", a spouse of an active-
25 duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has
26 been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the
27 state of Missouri or an adjacent state and who is a
28 permanent resident of the state of Missouri, who is
29 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or who has Missouri as
30 his or her home of record.

31 2. Each applicant for licensure as a baccalaureate
32 social worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

33 (1) The applicant has a baccalaureate degree in social
34 work from an accredited social work degree program approved
35 by the council of social work education;

36 (2) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as
37 defined by the committee, on an examination approved by the
38 committee. The eligibility requirements for such
39 examination shall be determined by the state committee for
40 social work;

41 (3) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age,
42 is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident
43 alien, and has not been finally adjudicated and found
44 guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a
45 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the

46 United States, or of any country, for any offense directly
47 related to the duties and responsibilities of the
48 occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of
49 whether or not sentence is imposed;

50 (4) The applicant has submitted a written application
51 on forms prescribed by the state board; **and**

52 (5) The applicant has submitted the required licensing
53 fee, as determined by the committee.

54 [2.] 3. Any applicant who answers in the affirmative
55 to any question on the application that relates to possible
56 grounds for denial of licensure pursuant to section 337.630
57 shall submit a sworn affidavit setting forth in detail the
58 facts which explain such answer and copies of appropriate
59 documents related to such answer.

60 [3.] 4. The committee shall issue a license to each
61 person who files an application and fee as required by the
62 provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689 and who furnishes
63 evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant
64 has complied with the provisions of subsection [1] 2 of this
65 section.

66 [4.] 5. The committee shall issue a certificate to
67 practice independently under subsection 3 of section 337.653
68 to any licensed baccalaureate social worker who has
69 satisfactorily completed three thousand hours of supervised
70 experience with a qualified baccalaureate supervisor in no
71 less than twenty-four months and no more than forty-eight
72 consecutive calendar months.

73 **6. (1) Any person who holds a valid current**
74 **baccalaureate social work license issued by another state, a**
75 **branch or unit of the military, a territory of the United**
76 **States, or the District of Columbia, and who has been**
77 **licensed for at least one year in such other jurisdiction,**

78 may submit to the committee an application for a
79 baccalaureate social work license in Missouri along with
80 proof of current licensure and proof of licensure for at
81 least one year in the other jurisdiction.

82 (2) The committee shall:

83 (a) Within six months of receiving an application
84 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, waive any
85 examination, educational, or experience requirements for
86 licensure in this state for the applicant if it determines
87 that there were minimum education requirements and, if
88 applicable, work experience and clinical supervision
89 requirements in effect and the other jurisdiction verifies
90 that the person met those requirements in order to be
91 licensed or certified in that jurisdiction. The committee
92 may require an applicant to take and pass an examination
93 specific to the laws of this state; or

94 (b) Within thirty days of receiving an application
95 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection from a
96 nonresident military spouse or a resident military spouse,
97 waive any examination, educational, or experience
98 requirements for licensure in this state for the applicant
99 and issue such applicant a license under this subsection if
100 such applicant otherwise meets the requirements of this
101 subsection.

102 (3) (a) The committee shall not waive any
103 examination, educational, or experience requirements for any
104 applicant who has had his or her license revoked by an
105 oversight body outside the state; who is currently under
106 investigation, who has a complaint pending, or who is
107 currently under disciplinary action, except as provided in
108 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, with an oversight body
109 outside the state; who does not hold a license in good

110 standing with an oversight body outside the state; who has a
111 criminal record that would disqualify him or her for
112 licensure in Missouri; or who does not hold a valid current
113 license in the other jurisdiction on the date the committee
114 receives his or her application under this section.

115 (b) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary
116 action against an applicant, the committee shall determine
117 if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter
118 resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that
119 jurisdiction, the committee may deny a license until the
120 matter is resolved.

121 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the
122 committee from denying a license to an applicant under this
123 subsection for any reason described in section 337.630.

124 (5) Any person who is licensed under the provisions of
125 this subsection shall be subject to the committee's
126 jurisdiction and all rules and regulations pertaining to the
127 practice as a licensed baccalaureate social worker in this
128 state.

129 (6) This subsection shall not be construed to waive
130 any requirement for an applicant to pay any fees.

337.1000. 1. Sections 337.1000 to 337.1075 shall be
2 known and may be cited as the "Social Work Licensure
3 Compact".

4 2. The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate
5 interstate practice of Regulated Social Workers by improving
6 public access to competent Social Work Services. The
7 Compact preserves the regulatory authority of States to
8 protect public health and safety through the current system
9 of State licensure.

10 3. This Compact is designed to achieve the following
11 objectives:

- 12 (1) Increase public access to Social Work Services;
- 13 (2) Reduce overly burdensome and duplicative
- 14 requirements associated with holding multiple licenses;
- 15 (3) Enhance the Member States' ability to protect the
- 16 public's health and safety;
- 17 (4) Encourage the cooperation of Member States in
- 18 regulating multistate practice;
- 19 (5) Promote mobility and address workforce shortages
- 20 by eliminating the necessity for licenses in multiple States
- 21 by providing for the mutual recognition of other Member
- 22 State licenses;
- 23 (6) Support military families;
- 24 (7) Facilitate the exchange of licensure and
- 25 disciplinary information among Member States;
- 26 (8) Authorize all Member States to hold a Regulated
- 27 Social Worker accountable for abiding by a Member State's
- 28 laws, regulations, and applicable professional standards in
- 29 the Member State in which the client is located at the time
- 30 care is rendered; and
- 31 (9) Allow for the use of telehealth to facilitate
- 32 increased access to regulated Social Work Services.

337.1005. As used in this Compact, and except as

2 otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:

- 3 (1) "Active Military Member" means any individual with
- 4 full-time duty status in the active armed forces of the
- 5 United States including members of the National Guard and
- 6 Reserve.
- 7 (2) "Adverse Action" means any administrative, civil,
- 8 equitable or criminal action permitted by a State's laws
- 9 which is imposed by a Licensing Authority or other authority
- 10 against a Regulated Social Worker, including actions against
- 11 an individual's license or Multistate Authorization to

12 Practice such as revocation, suspension, probation,
13 monitoring of the Licensee, limitation on the Licensee's
14 practice, or any other Encumbrance on licensure affecting a
15 Regulated Social Worker's authorization to practice,
16 including issuance of a cease and desist action.

17 (3) "Alternative Program" means a non-disciplinary
18 monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a
19 Licensing Authority to address practitioners with an
20 Impairment.

21 (4) "Charter Member States" means Member States who
22 have enacted legislation to adopt this Compact where such
23 legislation predates the effective date of this Compact as
24 described in section 337.1065.

25 (5) "Compact Commission" or "Commission" means the
26 government agency whose membership consists of all States
27 that have enacted this Compact, which is known as the Social
28 Work Licensure Compact Commission, as described in section
29 337.1045, and which shall operate as an instrumentality of
30 the Member States.

31 (6) "Current Significant Investigative Information"
32 means:

33 (a) Investigative information that a Licensing
34 Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes
35 notification and an opportunity for the Regulated Social
36 Worker to respond has reason to believe is not groundless
37 and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor
38 infraction as may be defined by the Commission; or

39 (b) Investigative information that indicates that the
40 Regulated Social Worker represents an immediate threat to
41 public health and safety, as may be defined by the
42 Commission, regardless of whether the Regulated Social

43 Worker has been notified and has had an opportunity to
44 respond.

45 (7) "Data System" means a repository of information
46 about Licensees, including, continuing education,
47 examination, licensure, Current Significant Investigative
48 Information, Disqualifying Event, Multistate License(s) and
49 Adverse Action information or other information as required
50 by the Commission.

51 (8) "Domicile" means the jurisdiction in which the
52 Licensee resides and intends to remain indefinitely.

53 (9) "Disqualifying Event" means any Adverse Action or
54 incident which results in an Encumbrance that disqualifies
55 or makes the Licensee ineligible to either obtain, retain or
56 renew a Multistate License.

57 (10) "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension
58 of, or any limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice
59 of Social Work licensed and regulated by a Licensing
60 Authority.

61 (11) "Executive Committee" means a group of delegates
62 elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the
63 powers granted to them by, the compact and Commission.

64 (12) "Home State" means the Member State that is the
65 Licensee's primary Domicile.

66 (13) "Impairment" means a condition(s) that may impair
67 a practitioner's ability to engage in full and unrestricted
68 practice as a Regulated Social Worker without some type of
69 intervention and may include alcohol and drug dependence,
70 mental health impairment, and neurological or physical
71 impairments.

72 (14) "Licensee(s)" means an individual who currently
73 holds a license from a State to practice as a Regulated
74 Social Worker.

75 (15) "Licensing Authority" means the board or agency
76 of a Member State, or equivalent, that is responsible for
77 the licensing and regulation of Regulated Social Workers.

78 (16) "Member State" means a state, commonwealth,
79 district, or territory of the United States of America that
80 has enacted this Compact.

81 (17) "Multistate Authorization to Practice" means a
82 legally authorized privilege to practice, which is
83 equivalent to a license, associated with a Multistate
84 License permitting the practice of Social Work in a Remote
85 State.

86 (18) "Multistate License" means a license to practice
87 as a Regulated Social Worker issued by a Home State
88 Licensing Authority that authorizes the Regulated Social
89 Worker to practice in all Member States under Multistate
90 Authorization to Practice.

91 (19) "Qualifying National Exam" means a national
92 licensing examination approved by the Commission.

93 (20) "Regulated Social Worker" means any clinical,
94 master's or bachelor's Social Worker licensed by a Member
95 State regardless of the title used by that Member State.

96 (21) "Remote State" means a Member State other than
97 the Licensee's Home State.

98 (22) "Rule(s)" or "Rule(s) of the Commission" means a
99 regulation or regulations duly promulgated by the
100 Commission, as authorized by the Compact, that has the force
101 of law.

102 (23) "Single State License" means a Social Work
103 license issued by any State that authorizes practice only
104 within the issuing State and does not include Multistate
105 Authorization to Practice in any Member State.

106 (24) "Social Work" or "Social Work Services" means the
107 application of social work theory, knowledge, methods,
108 ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or
109 enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning
110 of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations,
111 and communities through the care and services provided by a
112 Regulated Social Worker as set forth in the Member State's
113 statutes and regulations in the State where the services are
114 being provided.

115 (25) "State" means any state, commonwealth, district,
116 or territory of the United States of America that regulates
117 the practice of Social Work.

118 (26) "Unencumbered License" means a license that
119 authorizes a Regulated Social Worker to engage in the full
120 and unrestricted practice of Social Work.

 337.1010. 1. To be eligible to participate in the
2 compact, a potential Member State must currently meet all of
3 the following criteria:

4 (1) License and regulate the practice of Social Work
5 at either the clinical, master's, or bachelor's category.

6 (2) Require applicants for licensure to graduate from
7 a program that is:

8 (a) Operated by a college or university recognized by
9 the Licensing Authority;

10 (b) Accredited, or in candidacy by an institution that
11 subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency
12 recognized by either:

13 a. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or
14 its successor; or

15 b. the United States Department of Education; and

16 (c) Corresponds to the licensure sought as outlined in
17 section 337.1015.

18 (3) Require applicants for clinical licensure to
19 complete a period of supervised practice.

20 (4) Have a mechanism in place for receiving,
21 investigating, and adjudicating complaints about Licensees.

22 2. To maintain membership in the Compact a Member
23 State shall:

24 (1) Require that applicants for a Multistate License
25 pass a Qualifying National Exam for the corresponding
26 category of Multistate License sought as outlined in section
27 337.1015;

28 (2) Participate fully in the Commission's Data System,
29 including using the Commission's unique identifier as
30 defined in Rules;

31 (3) Notify the Commission, in compliance with the
32 terms of the Compact and Rules, of any Adverse Action or the
33 availability of Current Significant Investigative
34 Information regarding a Licensee;

35 (4) Implement procedures for considering the criminal
36 history records of applicants for a Multistate License.
37 Such procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints
38 or other biometric-based information by applicants for the
39 purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record
40 information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the
41 agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal
42 records;

43 (5) Comply with the Rules of the Commission;

44 (6) Require an applicant to obtain or retain a license
45 in the Home State and meet the Home State's qualifications
46 for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other
47 applicable Home State laws;

48 (7) Authorize a Licensee holding a Multistate License
49 in any Member State to practice in accordance with the terms
50 of the Compact and Rules of the Commission; and

51 (8) Designate a delegate to participate in the
52 Commission meetings.

53 3. A Member State meeting the requirements of
54 subsections 1 and 2 of this section shall designate the
55 categories of Social Work licensure that are eligible for
56 issuance of a Multistate License for applicants in such
57 Member State. To the extent that any Member State does not
58 meet the requirements for participation in the Compact at
59 any particular category of Social Work licensure, such
60 Member State may choose, but is not obligated to, issue a
61 Multistate License to applicants that otherwise meet the
62 requirements of section 337.1015 for issuance of a
63 Multistate License in such category or categories of
64 licensure.

65 4. The Home State may charge a fee for granting the
66 Multistate License.

337.1015. 1. To be eligible for a Multistate License
2 under the terms and provisions of the Compact, an applicant,
3 regardless of category must:

4 (1) Hold or be eligible for an active, Unencumbered
5 License in the Home State;

6 (2) Pay any applicable fees, including any State fee,
7 for the Multistate License;

8 (3) Submit, in connection with an application for a
9 Multistate License, fingerprints or other biometric data for
10 the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information
11 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency
12 responsible for retaining that State's criminal records;

13 (4) Notify the Home State of any Adverse Action,
14 Encumbrance, or restriction on any professional license
15 taken by any Member State or non-Member State within 30 days
16 from the date the action is taken;

17 (5) Meet any continuing competence requirements
18 established by the Home State;

19 (6) Abide by the laws, regulations, and applicable
20 standards in the Member State where the client is located at
21 the time care is rendered.

22 2. An applicant for a clinical-category Multistate
23 License must meet all of the following requirements:

24 (1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be
25 satisfied by either:

26 (a) Passage of a clinical-category Qualifying National
27 Exam; or

28 (b) Licensure of the applicant in their Home State at
29 the clinical category, beginning prior to such time as a
30 Qualifying National Exam was required by the Home State and
31 accompanied by a period of continuous Social Work licensure
32 thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the
33 Rules of the Commission; or

34 (c) The substantial equivalency of the foregoing
35 competency requirements which the Commission may determine
36 by Rule.

37 (2) Attain at least a master's degree in Social Work
38 from a program that is:

39 (a) Operated by a college or university recognized by
40 the Licensing Authority; and

41 (b) Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently
42 becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by
43 either:

44 a. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or
45 its successor; or

46 b. the United States Department of Education.

47 (3) Fulfill a practice requirement, which shall be
48 satisfied by demonstrating completion of either:

49 (a) A period of postgraduate supervised clinical
50 practice equal to a minimum of three thousand hours; or

51 (b) A minimum of two years of full-time postgraduate
52 supervised clinical practice; or

53 (c) The substantial equivalency of the foregoing
54 practice requirements which the Commission may determine by
55 Rule.

56 3. An applicant for a master's-category Multistate
57 License must meet all of the following requirements:

58 (1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be
59 satisfied by either:

60 (a) Passage of a masters-category Qualifying National
61 Exam;

62 (b) Licensure of the applicant in their Home State at
63 the master's category, beginning prior to such time as a
64 Qualifying National Exam was required by the Home State at
65 the master's category and accompanied by a continuous period
66 of Social Work licensure thereafter, all of which may be
67 further governed by the Rules of the Commission; or

68 (c) The substantial equivalency of the foregoing
69 competency requirements which the Commission may determine
70 by Rule.

71 (2) Attain at least a master's degree in Social Work
72 from a program that is:

73 (a) Operated by a college or university recognized by
74 the Licensing Authority; and

75 (b) Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently
76 becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by
77 either:

78 a. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or
79 its successor; or

80 b. the United States Department of Education.

81 4. An applicant for a bachelor's-category Multistate
82 License must meet all of the following requirements:

83 (1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be
84 satisfied by either:

85 (a) Passage of a bachelor's-category Qualifying
86 National Exam;

87 (b) Licensure of the applicant in their Home State at
88 the bachelor's category, beginning prior to such time as a
89 Qualifying National Exam was required by the Home State and
90 accompanied by a period of continuous Social Work licensure
91 thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the
92 Rules of the Commission; or

93 (c) The substantial equivalency of the foregoing
94 competency requirements which the Commission may determine
95 by Rule.

96 (2) Attain at least a bachelor's degree in Social Work
97 from a program that is:

98 (a) Operated by a college or university recognized by
99 the Licensing Authority; and

100 (b) Accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently
101 becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by
102 either:

103 a. the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or
104 its successor; or

105 b. the United States Department of Education.

106 5. The Multistate License for a Regulated Social
107 Worker is subject to the renewal requirements of the Home
108 State. The Regulated Social Worker must maintain compliance
109 with the requirements of subsection 1 of this section to be
110 eligible to renew a Multistate License.

111 6. The Regulated Social Worker's services in a Remote
112 State are subject to that Member State's regulatory
113 authority. A Remote State may, in accordance with due
114 process and that Member State's laws, remove a Regulated
115 Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice in the
116 Remote State for a specific period of time, impose fines,
117 and take any other necessary actions to protect the health
118 and safety of its citizens.

119 7. If a Multistate License is encumbered, the
120 Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to
121 Practice shall be deactivated in all Remote States until the
122 Multistate License is no longer encumbered.

123 8. If a Multistate Authorization to Practice is
124 encumbered in a Remote State, the regulated Social Worker's
125 Multistate Authorization to Practice may be deactivated in
126 that State until the Multistate Authorization to Practice is
127 no longer encumbered.

 337.1020. 1. Upon receipt of an application for a
2 Multistate License, the Home State Licensing Authority shall
3 determine the applicant's eligibility for a Multistate
4 License in accordance with section 337.1015 of this Compact.

5 2. If such applicant is eligible pursuant to section
6 337.1015 of this Compact, the Home State Licensing Authority
7 shall issue a Multistate License that authorizes the
8 applicant or Regulated Social Worker to practice in all
9 Member States under a Multistate Authorization to Practice.

10 3. Upon issuance of a Multistate License, the Home
11 State Licensing Authority shall designate whether the
12 Regulated Social Worker holds a Multistate License in the
13 Bachelors, Masters, or Clinical category of Social Work.

14 4. A Multistate License issued by a Home State to a
15 resident in that State shall be recognized by all Compact
16 Member States as authorizing Social Work Practice under a
17 Multistate Authorization to Practice corresponding to each
18 category of licensure regulated in each Member State.

 337.1025. 1. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of
2 the Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in
3 any way reduce the ability of a Member State to enact and
4 enforce laws, regulations, or other rules related to the
5 practice of Social Work in that State, where those laws,
6 regulations, or other rules are not inconsistent with the
7 provisions of this Compact.

8 2. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the
9 requirements established by a Member State for the issuance
10 of a Single State License.

11 3. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the
12 Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any
13 way reduce the ability of a Member State to take Adverse
14 Action against a Licensee's Single State License to practice
15 Social Work in that State.

16 4. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the
17 Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any
18 way reduce the ability of a Remote State to take Adverse
19 Action against a Licensee's Multistate Authorization to
20 Practice in that State.

21 5. Nothing in this Compact, nor any Rule of the
22 Commission, shall be construed to limit, restrict, or in any
23 way reduce the ability of a Licensee's Home State to take

24 Adverse Action against a Licensee's Multistate License based
25 upon information provided by a Remote State.

337.1030. 1. A Licensee can hold a Multistate
2 License, issued by their Home State, in only one Member
3 State at any given time.

4 2. If a Licensee changes their Home State by moving
5 between two Member States:

6 (1) The Licensee shall immediately apply for the
7 reissuance of their Multistate License in their new Home
8 State. The Licensee shall pay all applicable fees and
9 notify the prior Home State in accordance with the Rules of
10 the Commission.

11 (2) Upon receipt of an application to reissue a
12 Multistate License, the new Home State shall verify that the
13 Multistate License is active, unencumbered and eligible for
14 reissuance under the terms of the Compact and the Rules of
15 the Commission. The Multistate License issued by the prior
16 Home State will be deactivated and all Member States
17 notified in accordance with the applicable Rules adopted by
18 the Commission.

19 (3) Prior to the reissuance of the Multistate License,
20 the new Home State shall conduct procedures for considering
21 the criminal history records of the Licensee. Such
22 procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or
23 other biometric-based information by applicants for the
24 purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record
25 information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the
26 agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal
27 records.

28 (4) If required for initial licensure, the new Home
29 State may require completion of jurisprudence requirements
30 in the new Home State.

31 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
32 Compact, if a Licensee does not meet the requirements set
33 forth in this Compact for the reissuance of a Multistate
34 License by the new Home State, then the Licensee shall be
35 subject to the new Home State requirements for the issuance
36 of a Single State License in that State.

37 3. If a Licensee changes their primary State of
38 residence by moving from a Member State to a non-Member
39 State, or from a non-Member State to a Member State, then
40 the Licensee shall be subject to the State requirements for
41 the issuance of a Single State License in the new Home State.

42 4. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with a
43 Licensee's ability to hold a Single State License in
44 multiple States; however, for the purposes of this Compact,
45 a Licensee shall have only one Home State, and only one
46 Multistate License.

47 5. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with the
48 requirements established by a Member State for the issuance
49 of a Single State License.

 337.1035. An Active Military Member or their spouse
2 shall designate a Home State where the individual has a
3 Multistate License. The individual may retain their Home
4 State designation during the period the service member is on
5 active duty.

 337.1040. 1. In addition to the other powers
2 conferred by State law, a Remote State shall have the
3 authority, in accordance with existing State due process
4 law, to:

5 (1) Take Adverse Action against a Regulated Social
6 Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice only within
7 that Member State, and issue subpoenas for both hearings and
8 investigations that require the attendance and testimony of

9 witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas
10 issued by a Licensing Authority in a Member State for the
11 attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of
12 evidence from another Member State shall be enforced in the
13 latter State by any court of competent jurisdiction,
14 according to the practice and procedure of that court
15 applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before
16 it. The issuing Licensing Authority shall pay any witness
17 fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by
18 the service statutes of the State in which the witnesses or
19 evidence are located.

20 (2) Only the Home State shall have the power to take
21 Adverse Action against a Regulated Social Worker's
22 Multistate License.

23 2. For purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Home
24 State shall give the same priority and effect to reported
25 conduct received from a Member State as it would if the
26 conduct had occurred within the Home State. In so doing,
27 the Home State shall apply its own State laws to determine
28 appropriate action.

29 3. The Home State shall complete any pending
30 investigations of a Regulated Social Worker who changes
31 their Home State during the course of the investigations.
32 The Home State shall also have the authority to take
33 appropriate action(s) and shall promptly report the
34 conclusions of the investigations to the administrator of
35 the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall
36 promptly notify the new Home State of any Adverse Actions.

37 4. A Member State, if otherwise permitted by State
38 law, may recover from the affected Regulated Social Worker
39 the costs of investigations and dispositions of cases

40 resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that
41 Regulated Social Worker.

42 5. A Member State may take Adverse Action based on the
43 factual findings of another Member State, provided that the
44 Member State follows its own procedures for taking the
45 Adverse Action.

46 6. (1) In addition to the authority granted to a
47 Member State by its respective Social Work practice act or
48 other applicable State law, any Member State may participate
49 with other Member States in joint investigations of
50 Licensees.

51 (2) Member States shall share any investigative,
52 litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any
53 joint or individual investigation initiated under the
54 Compact.

55 7. If Adverse Action is taken by the Home State
56 against the Multistate License of a Regulated Social Worker,
57 the Regulated Social Worker's Multistate Authorization to
58 Practice in all other Member States shall be deactivated
59 until all Encumbrances have been removed from the Multistate
60 License. All Home State disciplinary orders that impose
61 Adverse Action against the license of a Regulated Social
62 Worker shall include a statement that the Regulated Social
63 Worker's Multistate Authorization to Practice is deactivated
64 in all Member States until all conditions of the decision,
65 order or agreement are satisfied.

66 8. If a Member State takes Adverse Action, it shall
67 promptly notify the administrator of the Data System. The
68 administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the
69 Home State and all other Member States of any Adverse
70 Actions by Remote States.

71 9. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Member
72 State's decision that participation in an Alternative
73 Program may be used in lieu of Adverse Action.

74 10. Nothing in this Compact shall authorize a Member
75 State to demand the issuance of subpoenas for attendance and
76 testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from
77 another Member State for lawful actions within that Member
78 State.

79 11. Nothing in this Compact shall authorize a Member
80 State to impose discipline against a Regulated Social Worker
81 who holds a Multistate Authorization to Practice for lawful
82 actions within another Member State.

 337.1045. 1. The Compact Member States hereby create
2 and establish a joint government agency whose membership
3 consists of all Member States that have enacted the compact
4 known as the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission. The
5 Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact States
6 acting jointly and not an instrumentality of any one State.
7 The Commission shall come into existence on or after the
8 effective date of the Compact as set forth in section
9 337.1065.

10 2. (1) Each Member State shall have and be limited to
11 one (1) delegate selected by that Member State's State
12 Licensing Authority.

13 (2) The delegate shall be either:

14 (a) A current member of the State Licensing Authority
15 at the time of appointment, who is a Regulated Social Worker
16 or public member of the State Licensing Authority; or

17 (b) An administrator of the State Licensing Authority
18 or their designee.

19 (3) The Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a
20 term of office for delegates and may by Rule or bylaw
21 establish term limits.

22 (4) The Commission may recommend removal or suspension
23 of any delegate from office.

24 (5) A Member State's State Licensing Authority shall
25 fill any vacancy of its delegate occurring on the Commission
26 within 60 days of the vacancy.

27 (6) Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all
28 matters before the Commission requiring a vote by Commission
29 delegates.

30 (7) A delegate shall vote in person or by such other
31 means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for
32 delegates to meet by telecommunication, videoconference, or
33 other means of communication.

34 (8) The Commission shall meet at least once during
35 each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set
36 forth in the bylaws. The Commission may meet by
37 telecommunication, video conference or other similar
38 electronic means.

39 3. The Commission shall have the following powers:

40 (1) Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;

41 (2) Establish code of conduct and conflict of interest
42 policies;

43 (3) Establish and amend Rules and bylaws;

44 (4) Maintain its financial records in accordance with
45 the bylaws;

46 (5) Meet and take such actions as are consistent with
47 the provisions of this Compact, the Commission's Rules, and
48 the bylaws;

49 (6) Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions
50 in the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of

51 any State Licensing Board to sue or be sued under applicable
52 law shall not be affected;

53 (7) Maintain and certify records and information
54 provided to a Member State as the authenticated business
55 records of the Commission, and designate an agent to do so
56 on the Commission's behalf;

57 (8) Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

58 (9) Borrow, accept, or contract for services of
59 personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a
60 Member State;

61 (10) Conduct an annual financial review;

62 (11) Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix
63 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals
64 appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the
65 Compact, and establish the Commission's personnel policies
66 and programs relating to conflicts of interest,
67 qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel
68 matters;

69 (12) Assess and collect fees;

70 (13) Accept any and all appropriate gifts, donations,
71 grants of money, other sources of revenue, equipment,
72 supplies, materials, and services, and receive, utilize, and
73 dispose of the same; provided that at all times the
74 Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety or
75 conflict of interest;

76 (14) Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, or
77 use any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any undivided
78 interest therein;

79 (15) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
80 abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real,
81 personal, or mixed;

82 (16) Establish a budget and make expenditures;

83 (17) Borrow money;

84 (18) Appoint committees, including standing
85 committees, composed of members, State regulators, State
86 legislators or their representatives, and consumer
87 representatives, and such other interested persons as may be
88 designated in this Compact and the bylaws;

89 (19) Provide and receive information from, and
90 cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

91 (20) Establish and elect an Executive Committee,
92 including a chair and a vice chair;

93 (21) Determine whether a State's adopted language is
94 materially different from the model compact language such
95 that the State would not qualify for participation in the
96 Compact; and

97 (22) Perform such other functions as may be necessary
98 or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact.

99 4. (1) The Executive Committee shall have the power
100 to act on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of
101 this Compact. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of
102 the Executive Committee shall include:

103 (a) Oversee the day-to-day activities of the
104 administration of the compact including enforcement and
105 compliance with the provisions of the compact, its Rules and
106 bylaws, and other such duties as deemed necessary;

107 (b) Recommend to the Commission changes to the Rules
108 or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees charged
109 to Compact Member States, fees charged to Licensees, and
110 other fees;

111 (c) Ensure Compact administration services are
112 appropriately provided, including by contract;

113 (d) Prepare and recommend the budget;

- 114 (e) Maintain financial records on behalf of the
115 Commission;
- 116 (f) Monitor Compact compliance of Member States and
117 provide compliance reports to the Commission;
- 118 (g) Establish additional committees as necessary;
- 119 (h) Exercise the powers and duties of the Commission
120 during the interim between Commission meetings, except for
121 adopting or amending Rules, adopting or amending bylaws, and
122 exercising any other powers and duties expressly reserved to
123 the Commission by Rule or bylaw; and
- 124 (i) Other duties as provided in the Rules or bylaws of
125 the Commission.
- 126 (2) The Executive Committee shall be composed of up to
127 eleven (11) members:
- 128 (a) The chair and vice chair of the Commission shall
129 be voting members of the Executive Committee; and
- 130 (b) The Commission shall elect five voting members
131 from the current membership of the Commission.
- 132 (c) Up to four (4) ex-officio, nonvoting members from
133 four (4) recognized national Social Work organizations.
- 134 (d) The ex-officio members will be selected by their
135 respective organizations.
- 136 (3) The Commission may remove any member of the
137 Executive Committee as provided in the Commission's bylaws.
- 138 (4) The Executive Committee shall meet at least
139 annually.
- 140 (a) Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the
141 public, except that the Executive Committee may meet in a
142 closed, non-public meeting as provided in subdivision (2) of
143 subsection 6 of this section.
- 144 (b) The Executive Committee shall give seven (7) days'
145 notice of its meetings, posted on its website and as

146 determined to provide notice to persons with an interest in
147 the business of the Commission.

148 (c) The Executive Committee may hold a special meeting
149 in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of
150 subsection 6 of this section.

151 5. The Commission shall adopt and provide to the
152 Member States an annual report.

153 6. (1) All meetings shall be open to the public,
154 except that the Commission may meet in a closed, non-public
155 meeting as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

156 (a) Public notice for all meetings of the full
157 Commission of meetings shall be given in the same manner as
158 required under the Rulemaking provisions in section
159 337.1055, except that the Commission may hold a special
160 meeting as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

161 (b) The Commission may hold a special meeting when it
162 must meet to conduct emergency business by giving 48 hours'
163 notice to all commissioners, on the Commission's website,
164 and other means as provided in the Commission's Rules. The
165 Commission's legal counsel shall certify that the
166 Commission's need to meet qualifies as an emergency.

167 (2) The Commission or the Executive Committee or other
168 committees of the Commission may convene in a closed, non-
169 public meeting for the Commission or Executive Committee or
170 other committees of the Commission to receive legal advice
171 or to discuss:

172 (a) Non-compliance of a Member State with its
173 obligations under the Compact;

174 (b) The employment, compensation, discipline or other
175 matters, practices or procedures related to specific
176 employees;

177 (c) Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by
178 the Commission or by a Member State's Licensing Authority;

179 (d) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
180 litigation;

181 (e) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease,
182 or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

183 (f) Accusing any person of a crime or formally
184 censuring any person;

185 (g) Trade secrets or commercial or financial
186 information that is privileged or confidential;

187 (h) Information of a personal nature where disclosure
188 would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal
189 privacy;

190 (i) Investigative records compiled for law enforcement
191 purposes;

192 (j) Information related to any investigative reports
193 prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or
194 other committee charged with responsibility of investigation
195 or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the
196 Compact;

197 (k) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by
198 federal or Member State law; or

199 (l) Other matters as promulgated by the Commission by
200 Rule.

201 (3) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed,
202 the presiding officer shall state that the meeting will be
203 closed and reference each relevant exempting provision, and
204 such reference shall be recorded in the minutes.

205 (4) The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and
206 clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and
207 shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken,
208 and the reasons therefor, including a description of the

209 views expressed. All documents considered in connection
210 with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All
211 minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under
212 seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the
213 Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

214 7. (1) The Commission shall pay, or provide for the
215 payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,
216 organization, and ongoing activities.

217 (2) The Commission may accept any and all appropriate
218 revenue sources as provided in subdivision (13) of
219 subsection 3 of this section.

220 (3) The Commission may levy on and collect an annual
221 assessment from each Member State and impose fees on
222 Licensees of Member States to whom it grants a Multistate
223 License to cover the cost of the operations and activities
224 of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total
225 amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved
226 each year for which revenue is not provided by other
227 sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount for Member
228 States shall be allocated based upon a formula that the
229 Commission shall promulgate by Rule.

230 (4) The Commission shall not incur obligations of any
231 kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same;
232 nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of the
233 Member States, except by and with the authority of the
234 Member State.

235 (5) The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all
236 receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements
237 of the Commission shall be subject to the financial review
238 and accounting procedures established under its bylaws.
239 However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by
240 the Commission shall be subject to an annual financial

241 review by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the
242 report of the financial review shall be included in and
243 become part of the annual report of the Commission.

244 8. (1) The members, officers, executive director,
245 employees and representatives of the Commission shall be
246 immune from suit and liability, both personally and in their
247 official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of
248 property or personal injury or other civil liability caused
249 by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or
250 omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the
251 claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred
252 within the scope of Commission employment, duties or
253 responsibilities; provided that nothing in this subdivision
254 shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or
255 liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused
256 by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that
257 person. The procurement of insurance of any type by the
258 Commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the
259 immunity granted hereunder.

260 (2) The Commission shall defend any member, officer,
261 executive director, employee, and representative of the
262 Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability
263 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission
264 that occurred within the scope of Commission employment,
265 duties, or responsibilities, or as determined by the
266 Commission that the person against whom the claim is made
267 had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
268 scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities;
269 provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit
270 that person from retaining their own counsel at their own
271 expense; and provided further, that the actual or alleged

272 act, error, or omission did not result from that person's
273 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

274 (3) The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless
275 any member, officer, executive director, employee, and
276 representative of the Commission for the amount of any
277 settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising
278 out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that
279 occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties,
280 or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable
281 basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission
282 employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the
283 actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result
284 from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that
285 person.

286 (4) Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation
287 on the liability of any Licensee for professional
288 malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed solely by
289 any other applicable State laws.

290 (5) Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to
291 waive or otherwise abrogate a Member State's state action
292 immunity or state action affirmative defense with respect to
293 antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any
294 other State or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or
295 regulation.

296 (6) Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a
297 waiver of sovereign immunity by the Member States or by the
298 Commission.

337.1050. 1. The Commission shall provide for the
2 development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a
3 coordinated Data System.

4 2. The Commission shall assign each applicant for a
5 Multistate License a unique identifier, as determined by the
6 Rules of the Commission.

7 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to
8 the contrary, a Member State shall submit a uniform data set
9 to the Data System on all individuals to whom this Compact
10 is applicable as required by the Rules of the Commission,
11 including:

12 (1) Identifying information;

13 (2) Licensure data;

14 (3) Adverse Actions against a license and information
15 related thereto;

16 (4) Non-confidential information related to
17 Alternative Program participation, the beginning and ending
18 dates of such participation, and other information related
19 to such participation not made confidential under Member
20 State law;

21 (5) Any denial of application for licensure, and the
22 reason or reasons for such denial;

23 (6) The presence of Current Significant Investigative
24 Information; and

25 (7) Other information that may facilitate the
26 administration of this Compact or the protection of the
27 public, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

28 4. The records and information provided to a Member
29 State pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System,
30 when certified by the Commission or an agent thereof, shall
31 constitute the authenticated business records of the
32 Commission, and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay
33 exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial or
34 administrative proceedings in a Member State.

35 5. (1) Current Significant Investigative Information
36 pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will only be
37 available to other Member States.

38 (2) It is the responsibility of the Member States to
39 report any Adverse Action against a Licensee and to monitor
40 the database to determine whether Adverse Action has been
41 taken against a Licensee. Adverse Action information
42 pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will be
43 available to any other Member State.

44 6. Member States contributing information to the Data
45 System may designate information that may not be shared with
46 the public without the express permission of the
47 contributing State.

48 7. Any information submitted to the Data System that
49 is subsequently expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws
50 of the Member State contributing the information shall be
51 removed from the Data System.

 337.1055. 1. The Commission shall promulgate
2 reasonable Rules in order to effectively and efficiently
3 implement and administer the purposes and provisions of the
4 Compact. A Rule shall be invalid and have no force or
5 effect only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that
6 the Rule is invalid because the Commission exercised its
7 rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope
8 and purposes of the Compact, or the powers granted
9 hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of
10 review.

11 2. The Rules of the Commission shall have the force of
12 law in each Member State, provided however that where the
13 Rules of the Commission conflict with the laws of the Member
14 State that establish the Member State's laws, regulations,
15 and applicable standards that govern the practice of Social

16 Work as held by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Rules
17 of the Commission shall be ineffective in that State to the
18 extent of the conflict.

19 3. The Commission shall exercise its Rulemaking powers
20 pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the
21 Rules adopted thereunder. Rules shall become binding on the
22 day following adoption or the date specified in the rule or
23 amendment, whichever is later.

24 4. If a majority of the legislatures of the Member
25 States rejects a Rule or portion of a Rule, by enactment of
26 a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the
27 Compact within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the
28 Rule, then such Rule shall have no further force and effect
29 in any Member State.

30 5. Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special
31 meeting of the Commission.

32 6. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the
33 Commission shall hold a public hearing and allow persons to
34 provide oral and written comments, data, facts, opinions,
35 and arguments.

36 7. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule by the
37 Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the
38 meeting at which the Commission will hold a public hearing
39 on the proposed Rule, the Commission shall provide a Notice
40 of Proposed Rulemaking:

41 (1) On the website of the Commission or other publicly
42 accessible platform;

43 (2) To persons who have requested notice of the
44 Commission's notices of proposed rulemaking; and

45 (3) In such other way(s) as the Commission may by Rule
46 specify.

47 8. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking shall include:

48 (1) The time, date, and location of the public hearing
49 at which the Commission will hear public comments on the
50 proposed Rule and, if different, the time, date, and
51 location of the meeting where the Commission will consider
52 and vote on the proposed Rule;

53 (2) If the hearing is held via telecommunication,
54 video conference, or other electronic means, the Commission
55 shall include the mechanism for access to the hearing in the
56 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking;

57 (3) The text of the proposed Rule and the reason
58 therefor;

59 (4) A request for comments on the proposed Rule from
60 any interested person; and

61 (5) The manner in which interested persons may submit
62 written comments.

63 9. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the
64 recording and all written comments and documents received by
65 the Commission in response to the proposed Rule shall be
66 available to the public.

67 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
68 requiring a separate hearing on each Rule. Rules may be
69 grouped for the convenience of the Commission at hearings
70 required by this section.

71 11. The Commission shall, by majority vote of all
72 members, take final action on the proposed Rule based on the
73 Rulemaking record and the full text of the Rule.

74 (1) The Commission may adopt changes to the proposed
75 Rule provided the changes do not enlarge the original
76 purpose of the proposed Rule.

77 (2) The Commission shall provide an explanation of the
78 reasons for substantive changes made to the proposed Rule as

79 well as reasons for substantive changes not made that were
80 recommended by commenters.

81 (3) The Commission shall determine a reasonable
82 effective date for the Rule. Except for an emergency as
83 provided in subsection 12 of this section, the effective
84 date of the rule shall be no sooner than 30 days after
85 issuing the notice that it adopted or amended the Rule.

86 12. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the
87 Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule with 48
88 hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that
89 the usual Rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and
90 in this section shall be retroactively applied to the Rule
91 as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than
92 ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Rule. For
93 the purposes of this provision, an emergency Rule is one
94 that must be adopted immediately in order to:

95 (1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety,
96 or welfare;

97 (2) Prevent a loss of Commission or Member State funds;

98 (3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of a Rule
99 that is established by federal law or rule; or

100 (4) Protect public health and safety.

101 13. The Commission or an authorized committee of the
102 Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted Rule
103 for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in
104 format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors.

105 Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the
106 website of the Commission. The revision shall be subject to
107 challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days
108 after posting. The revision may be challenged only on
109 grounds that the revision results in a material change to a
110 Rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and delivered to

111 the Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no
112 challenge is made, the revision will take effect without
113 further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision
114 may not take effect without the approval of the Commission.

115 14. No Member State's rulemaking requirements shall
116 apply under this compact.

337.1060. 1. (1) The executive and judicial branches
2 of State government in each Member State shall enforce this
3 Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to
4 implement the Compact.

5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Compact,
6 venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the
7 Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a
8 court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office
9 of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive
10 venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or
11 consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution
12 proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the
13 selection or propriety of venue in any action against a
14 Licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct or any
15 such similar matter.

16 (3) The Commission shall be entitled to receive
17 service of process in any proceeding regarding the
18 enforcement or interpretation of the Compact and shall have
19 standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all
20 purposes. Failure to provide the Commission service of
21 process shall render a judgment or order void as to the
22 Commission, this Compact, or promulgated Rules.

23 2. (1) If the Commission determines that a Member
24 State has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or
25 responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated
26 Rules, the Commission shall provide written notice to the

27 defaulting State. The notice of default shall describe the
28 default, the proposed means of curing the default, and any
29 other action that the Commission may take, and shall offer
30 training and specific technical assistance regarding the
31 default.

32 (2) The Commission shall provide a copy of the notice
33 of default to the other Member States.

34 3. If a State in default fails to cure the default,
35 the defaulting State may be terminated from the Compact upon
36 an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates of the
37 Member States, and all rights, privileges and benefits
38 conferred on that State by this Compact may be terminated on
39 the effective date of termination. A cure of the default
40 does not relieve the offending State of obligations or
41 liabilities incurred during the period of default.

42 4. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be
43 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance
44 have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or
45 terminate shall be given by the Commission to the governor,
46 the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting State's
47 legislature, the defaulting State's State Licensing
48 Authority and each of the Member States' State Licensing
49 Authority.

50 5. A State that has been terminated is responsible for
51 all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred
52 through the effective date of termination, including
53 obligations that extend beyond the effective date of
54 termination.

55 6. Upon the termination of a State's membership from
56 this Compact, that State shall immediately provide notice to
57 all Licensees within that State of such termination. The
58 terminated State shall continue to recognize all licenses

59 granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of six (6)
60 months after the date of said notice of termination.

61 7. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to
62 a State that is found to be in default or that has been
63 terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing
64 between the Commission and the defaulting State.

65 8. The defaulting State may appeal the action of the
66 Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the
67 District of Columbia or the federal district where the
68 Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party
69 shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including
70 reasonable attorney's fees.

71 9. (1) Upon request by a Member State, the Commission
72 shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact
73 that arise among Member States and between Member and non-
74 Member States.

75 (2) The Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing
76 for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for
77 disputes as appropriate.

78 10. (1) By majority vote as provided by Rule, the
79 Commission may initiate legal action against a Member State
80 in default in the United States District Court for the
81 District of Columbia or the federal district where the
82 Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance
83 with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated
84 Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief
85 and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is
86 necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs
87 of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.
88 The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of
89 the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other

90 remedies available under federal or the defaulting Member
91 State's law.

92 (2) A Member State may initiate legal action against
93 the Commission in the U.S. District Court for the District
94 of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has
95 its principal offices to enforce compliance with the
96 provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The
97 relief sought may include both injunctive relief and
98 damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary,
99 the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such
100 litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

101 (3) No person other than a Member State shall enforce
102 this compact against the Commission.

337.1065. 1. The Compact shall come into effect on
2 the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in
3 the seventh Member State.

4 (1) On or after the effective date of the Compact, the
5 Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of
6 the first seven Member States ("Charter Member States") to
7 determine if the statute enacted by each such Charter Member
8 State is materially different than the model Compact statute.

9 (a) A Charter Member State whose enactment is found to
10 be materially different from the model Compact statute shall
11 be entitled to the default process set forth in section
12 337.1060.

13 (b) If any Member State is later found to be in
14 default, or is terminated or withdraws from the Compact, the
15 Commission shall remain in existence and the Compact shall
16 remain in effect even if the number of Member States should
17 be less than seven.

18 (2) Member States enacting the Compact subsequent to
19 the seven initial Charter Member States shall be subject to

20 the process set forth in subdivision (21) of subsection 3 of
21 section 337.1045 to determine if their enactments are
22 materially different from the model Compact statute and
23 whether they qualify for participation in the Compact.

24 (3) All actions taken for the benefit of the
25 Commission or in furtherance of the purposes of the
26 administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of
27 the Compact or the Commission coming into existence shall be
28 considered to be actions of the Commission unless
29 specifically repudiated by the Commission.

30 (4) Any State that joins the Compact subsequent to the
31 Commission's initial adoption of the Rules and bylaws shall
32 be subject to the Rules and bylaws as they exist on the date
33 on which the Compact becomes law in that State. Any Rule
34 that has been previously adopted by the Commission shall
35 have the full force and effect of law on the day the Compact
36 becomes law in that State.

37 2. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by
38 enacting a statute repealing the same.

39 (1) A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect
40 until 180 days after enactment of the repealing statute.

41 (2) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing
42 requirement of the withdrawing State's Licensing Authority
43 to comply with the investigative and Adverse Action
44 reporting requirements of this Compact prior to the
45 effective date of withdrawal.

46 (3) Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from
47 this compact, a State shall immediately provide notice of
48 such withdrawal to all Licensees within that State.
49 Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to the
50 contrary, such withdrawing State shall continue to recognize

51 all licenses granted pursuant to this compact for a minimum
52 of 180 days after the date of such notice of withdrawal.

53 3. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be
54 construed to invalidate or prevent any licensure agreement
55 or other cooperative arrangement between a Member State and
56 a non-Member State that does not conflict with the
57 provisions of this Compact.

58 4. This Compact may be amended by the Member States.
59 No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and
60 binding upon any Member State until it is enacted into the
61 laws of all Member States.

337.1070. 1. This Compact and the Commission's
2 rulemaking authority shall be liberally construed so as to
3 effectuate the purposes, and the implementation and
4 administration of the Compact. Provisions of the Compact
5 expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of Rules
6 shall not be construed to limit the Commission's rulemaking
7 authority solely for those purposes.

8 2. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable
9 and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this
10 Compact is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be
11 contrary to the constitution of any Member State, a State
12 seeking participation in the Compact, or of the United
13 States, or the applicability thereof to any government,
14 agency, person or circumstance is held to be
15 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the
16 validity of the remainder of this Compact and the
17 applicability thereof to any other government, agency,
18 person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

19 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2 of this section, the
20 Commission may deny a State's participation in the Compact
21 or, in accordance with the requirements of subsection 2 of

22 section 337.1060, terminate a Member State's participation
23 in the Compact, if it determines that a constitutional
24 requirement of a Member State is a material departure from
25 the Compact. Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be
26 contrary to the constitution of any Member State, the
27 Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the
28 remaining Member States and in full force and effect as to
29 the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

337.1075. 1. A Licensee providing services in a
2 Remote State under a Multistate Authorization to Practice
3 shall adhere to the laws and regulations, including laws,
4 regulations, and applicable standards, of the Remote State
5 where the client is located at the time care is rendered.

6 2. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the
7 enforcement of any other law of a Member State that is not
8 inconsistent with the Compact.

9 3. Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal
10 requirements in a Member State in conflict with the Compact
11 are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

12 4. All permissible agreements between the Commission
13 and the Member States are binding in accordance with their
14 terms.

579.088. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
2 chapter or chapter 195 to the contrary, it shall not be
3 unlawful to manufacture, possess, sell, deliver, or use any
4 device, equipment, or other material for the purpose of
5 analyzing controlled substances to detect the presence of
6 fentanyl or any synthetic controlled substance fentanyl
7 analogue.

Section 1. The department of health and senior
2 services shall include on its website an advance health care
3 directive form and directions for completing such form as

4 described in section 459.015. The department shall include
5 a listing of possible uses for an advance health care
6 directive, including to limit pain control to nonopioid
7 measures.

2 [191.500. As used in sections 191.500 to
3 191.550, unless the context clearly indicates
4 otherwise, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Area of defined need", a community or
6 section of an urban area of this state which is
7 certified by the department of health and senior
8 services as being in need of the services of a
9 physician to improve the patient-doctor ratio in
10 the area, to contribute professional physician
11 services to an area of economic impact, or to
12 contribute professional physician services to an
13 area suffering from the effects of a natural
14 disaster;

15 (2) "Department", the department of health
16 and senior services;

17 (3) "Eligible student", a full-time
18 student accepted and enrolled in a formal course
19 of instruction leading to a degree of doctor of
20 medicine or doctor of osteopathy, including
21 psychiatry, at a participating school, or a
22 doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental
23 medicine, or a bachelor of science degree in
24 dental hygiene;

25 (4) "Financial assistance", an amount of
26 money paid by the state of Missouri to a
27 qualified applicant pursuant to sections 191.500
28 to 191.550;

29 (5) "Participating school", an institution
30 of higher learning within this state which
31 grants the degrees of doctor of medicine or
32 doctor of osteopathy, and which is accredited in
33 the appropriate degree program by the American
34 Medical Association or the American Osteopathic
35 Association, or a degree program by the American
36 Dental Association or the American Psychiatric
37 Association, and applicable residency programs
38 for each degree type and discipline;

39 (6) "Primary care", general or family
40 practice, internal medicine, pediatric,
41 psychiatric, obstetric and gynecological care as
42 provided to the general public by physicians
43 licensed and registered pursuant to chapter 334,
44 dental practice, or a dental hygienist licensed
45 and registered pursuant to chapter 332;

46 (7) "Resident", any natural person who has
47 lived in this state for one or more years for
48 any purpose other than the attending of an
49 educational institution located within this
state;

50 (8) "Rural area", a town or community
51 within this state which is not within a standard
52 metropolitan statistical area, and has a
53 population of six thousand or fewer inhabitants
54 as determined by the last preceding federal
55 decennial census or any unincorporated area not
56 within a standard metropolitan statistical area.]

2 [191.505. The department of health and
3 senior services shall be the administrative
4 agency for the implementation of the program
5 established by sections 191.500 to 191.550. The
6 department shall promulgate reasonable rules and
7 regulations for the exercise of its functions in
8 the effectuation of the purposes of sections
9 191.500 to 191.550. It shall prescribe the form
10 and the time and method of filing applications
11 and supervise the processing thereof.]

2 [191.510. The department shall enter into
3 a contract with each applicant receiving a state
4 loan under sections 191.500 to 191.550 for
5 repayment of the principal and interest and for
6 forgiveness of a portion thereof for
7 participation in the service areas as provided
8 in sections 191.500 to 191.550.]

2 [191.515. An eligible student may apply to
3 the department for a loan under sections 191.500
4 to 191.550 only if, at the time of his
5 application and throughout the period during
6 which he receives the loan, he has been formally
7 accepted as a student in a participating school
8 in a course of study leading to the degree of
9 doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy,
10 including psychiatry, or a doctor of dental
11 surgery, a doctor of dental medicine, or a
12 bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene,
and is a resident of this state.]

2 [191.520. No loan to any eligible student
3 shall exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for
4 each academic year, which shall run from August
5 first of any year through July thirty-first of
6 the following year. All loans shall be made
7 from funds appropriated to the medical school
8 loan and loan repayment program fund created by
9 section 191.600, by the general assembly.]

2 [191.525. No more than twenty-five loans
3 shall be made to eligible students during the
4 first academic year this program is in effect.
5 Twenty-five new loans may be made for the next
6 three academic years until a total of one
7 hundred loans are available. At least one-half
8 of the loans shall be made to students from
9 rural areas as defined in section 191.500. An
10 eligible student may receive loans for each
11 academic year he is pursuing a course of study

11 directly leading to a degree of doctor of
12 medicine or doctor of osteopathy, doctor of
13 dental surgery, or doctor of dental medicine, or
14 a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene.]

2 [191.530. Interest at the rate of nine and
3 one-half percent per year shall be charged on
4 all loans made under sections 191.500 to 191.550
5 but one-fourth of the interest and principal of
6 the total loan at the time of the awarding of
7 the degree shall be forgiven for each year of
8 participation by an applicant in the practice of
9 his profession in a rural area or an area of
10 defined need. The department shall grant a
11 deferral of interest and principal payments to a
12 loan recipient who is pursuing an internship or
13 a residency in primary care. The deferral shall
14 not exceed three years. The status of each loan
15 recipient receiving a deferral shall be reviewed
16 annually by the department to ensure compliance
17 with the intent of this provision. The loan
18 recipient will repay the loan beginning with the
19 calendar year following completion of his
20 internship or his primary care residency in
accordance with the loan contract.]

2 [191.535. If a student ceases his study
3 prior to receiving a degree, interest at the
4 rate specified in section 191.530 shall be
5 charged on the amount received from the state
6 under the provisions of sections 191.500 to
191.550.]

2 [191.540. 1. The department shall
3 establish schedules and procedures for repayment
4 of the principal and interest of any loan made
5 under the provisions of sections 191.500 to
6 191.550 and not forgiven as provided in section
191.530.]

7 2. A penalty shall be levied against a
8 person in breach of contract. Such penalty shall
9 be twice the sum of the principal and the
10 accrued interest.]

2 [191.545. When necessary to protect the
3 interest of the state in any loan transaction
4 under sections 191.500 to 191.550, the board may
5 institute any action to recover any amount due.]

2 [191.550. The contracts made with the
3 participating students shall be approved by the
4 attorney general.]

2 [335.212. As used in sections 335.212 to
3 335.242, the following terms mean:

4 (1) "Board", the Missouri state board of
5 nursing;

6 (2) "Department", the Missouri department
of health and senior services;

- 7 (3) "Director", director of the Missouri
8 department of health and senior services;
- 9 (4) "Eligible student", a resident who has
10 been accepted as a full-time student in a formal
11 course of instruction leading to an associate
12 degree, a diploma, a bachelor of science, a
13 master of science in nursing (M.S.N.), a
14 doctorate in nursing (Ph.D. or D.N.P.), or a
15 student with a master of science in nursing
16 seeking a doctorate in education (Ed.D.), or
17 leading to the completion of educational
18 requirements for a licensed practical nurse.
19 The doctoral applicant may be a part-time
20 student;
- 21 (5) "Participating school", an institution
22 within this state which is approved by the board
23 for participation in the professional and
24 practical nursing student loan program
25 established by sections 335.212 to 335.242,
26 having a nursing department and offering a
27 course of instruction based on nursing theory
28 and clinical nursing experience;
- 29 (6) "Qualified applicant", an eligible
30 student approved by the board for participation
31 in the professional and practical nursing
32 student loan program established by sections
33 335.212 to 335.242;
- 34 (7) "Qualified employment", employment on
35 a full-time basis in Missouri in a position
36 requiring licensure as a licensed practical
37 nurse or registered professional nurse in any
38 hospital as defined in section 197.020 or in any
39 agency, institution, or organization located in
40 an area of need as determined by the department
41 of health and senior services. Any forgiveness
42 of such principal and interest for any qualified
43 applicant engaged in qualified employment on a
44 less than full-time basis may be prorated to
45 reflect the amounts provided in this section;
- 46 (8) "Resident", any person who has lived
47 in this state for one or more years for any
48 purpose other than the attending of an
49 educational institution located within this
50 state.]

2 [335.215. 1. The department of health and
3 senior services shall be the administrative
4 agency for the implementation of the
5 professional and practical nursing student loan
6 program established under sections 335.212 to
7 335.242, and the nursing student loan repayment
8 program established under sections 335.245 to
9 335.259.

10 2. An advisory panel of nurses shall be
11 appointed by the director. It shall be composed
12 of not more than eleven members representing
practical, associate degree, diploma,

13 baccalaureate and graduate nursing education,
14 community health, primary care, hospital, long-
15 term care, a consumer, and the Missouri state
16 board of nursing. The panel shall make
17 recommendations to the director on the content
18 of any rules, regulations or guidelines prior to
19 their promulgation. The panel may make
20 recommendations to the director regarding fund
21 allocations for loans and loan repayment based
22 on current nursing shortage needs.

23 3. The department of health and senior
24 services shall promulgate reasonable rules and
25 regulations for the exercise of its function
26 pursuant to sections 335.212 to 335.259. It
27 shall prescribe the form, the time and method of
28 filing applications and supervise the
29 proceedings thereof. No rule or portion of a
30 rule promulgated under the authority of sections
31 335.212 to 335.257 shall become effective unless
32 it has been promulgated pursuant to the
33 provisions of section 536.024.

34 4. Ninety-five percent of funds loaned
35 pursuant to sections 335.212 to 335.242 shall be
36 loaned to qualified applicants who are enrolled
37 in professional nursing programs in
38 participating schools and five percent of the
39 funds loaned pursuant to sections 335.212 to
40 335.242 shall be loaned to qualified applicants
41 who are enrolled in practical nursing programs.
42 Priority shall be given to eligible students who
43 have established financial need. All loan
44 repayment funds pursuant to sections 335.245 to
45 335.259 shall be used to reimburse successful
46 associate, diploma, baccalaureate or graduate
47 professional nurse applicants' educational loans
48 who agree to serve in areas of defined need as
49 determined by the department.]

2 [335.218. There is hereby established the
3 "Professional and Practical Nursing Student Loan
4 and Nurse Loan Repayment Fund". All fees
5 pursuant to section 335.221, general revenue
6 appropriations to the student loan or loan
7 repayment program, voluntary contributions to
8 support or match the student loan and loan
9 repayment program activities, funds collected
10 from repayment and penalties, and funds received
11 from the federal government shall be deposited
12 in the state treasury and be placed to the
13 credit of the professional and practical nursing
14 student loan and nurse loan repayment fund. The
15 fund shall be managed by the department of
16 health and senior services and all
17 administrative costs and expenses incurred as a
18 result of the effectuation of sections 335.212
to 335.259 shall be paid from this fund.]

2 [335.221. The board, in addition to any
3 other duties it may have regarding licensure of
4 nurses, shall collect, at the time of licensure
5 or licensure renewal, an education surcharge
6 from each person licensed or relicensed pursuant
7 to sections 335.011 to 335.096, in the amount of
8 one dollar per year for practical nurses and
9 five dollars per year for professional nurses.
10 These funds shall be deposited in the
11 professional and practical nursing student loan
12 and nurse loan repayment fund. All expenditures
13 authorized by sections 335.212 to 335.259 shall
14 be paid from funds appropriated by the general
15 assembly from the professional and practical
16 nursing student loan and nurse loan repayment
17 fund. The provisions of section 33.080 to the
18 contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund
19 shall not be transferred and placed to the
credit of general revenue.]

2 [335.224. The department of health and
3 senior services shall enter into a contract with
4 each qualified applicant receiving financial
5 assistance under the provisions of sections
6 335.212 to 335.242 for repayment of the
principal and interest.]

2 [335.227. An eligible student may apply to
3 the department for financial assistance under
4 the provisions of sections 335.212 to 335.242
5 if, at the time of his application for a loan,
6 the eligible student has formally applied for
7 acceptance at a participating school. Receipt
8 of financial assistance is contingent upon
9 acceptance and continued enrollment at a
participating school.]

2 [335.230. Financial assistance to any
3 qualified applicant shall not exceed ten
4 thousand dollars for each academic year for a
5 professional nursing program and shall not
6 exceed five thousand dollars for each academic
7 year for a practical nursing program. All
8 financial assistance shall be made from funds
9 credited to the professional and practical
10 nursing student loan and nurse loan repayment
11 fund. A qualified applicant may receive
12 financial assistance for each academic year he
13 remains a student in good standing at a
participating school.]

2 [335.233. The department shall establish
3 schedules for repayment of the principal and
4 interest on any financial assistance made under
5 the provisions of sections 335.212 to 335.242.
6 Interest at the rate of nine and one-half
7 percent per annum shall be charged on all
8 financial assistance made under the provisions
of sections 335.212 to 335.242, but the interest

9 and principal of the total financial assistance
10 granted to a qualified applicant at the time of
11 the successful completion of a nursing degree,
12 diploma program or a practical nursing program
13 shall be forgiven through qualified employment.]

2 [335.236. The financial assistance
3 recipient shall repay the financial assistance
4 principal and interest beginning not more than
5 six months after completion of the degree for
6 which the financial assistance was made in
7 accordance with the repayment contract. If an
8 eligible student ceases his study prior to
9 successful completion of a degree or graduation
10 at a participating school, interest at the rate
11 specified in section 335.233 shall be charged on
12 the amount of financial assistance received from
13 the state under the provisions of sections
14 335.212 to 335.242, and repayment, in accordance
15 with the repayment contract, shall begin within
16 ninety days of the date the financial aid
17 recipient ceased to be an eligible student. All
18 funds repaid by recipients of financial
19 assistance to the department shall be deposited
20 in the professional and practical nursing
21 student loan and nurse loan repayment fund for
use pursuant to sections 335.212 to 335.259.]

2 [335.239. The department shall grant a
3 deferral of interest and principal payments to a
4 financial assistance recipient who is pursuing
5 an advanced degree, special nursing program, or
6 upon special conditions established by the
7 department. The deferral shall not exceed four
8 years. The status of each deferral shall be
9 reviewed annually by the department of health
10 and senior services to ensure compliance with
the intent of this section.]

2 [335.242. When necessary to protect the
3 interest of the state in any financial
4 assistance transaction under sections 335.212 to
5 335.259, the department of health and senior
6 services may institute any action to recover any
amount due.]

2 [335.245. As used in sections 335.245 to
3 335.259, the following terms mean:
4 (1) "Department", the Missouri department
5 of health and senior services;
6 (2) "Eligible applicant", a Missouri
7 licensed nurse who has attained either an
8 associate degree, a diploma, a bachelor of
9 science, or graduate degree in nursing from an
10 accredited institution approved by the board of
11 nursing or a student nurse in the final year of
12 a full-time baccalaureate school of nursing
13 leading to a baccalaureate degree or graduate
nursing program leading to a master's degree in

14 nursing and has agreed to serve in an area of
15 defined need as established by the department;
16 (3) "Participating school", an institution
17 within this state which grants an associate
18 degree in nursing, grants a bachelor or master
19 of science degree in nursing or provides a
20 diploma nursing program which is accredited by
21 the state board of nursing, or a regionally
22 accredited institution in this state which
23 provides a bachelor of science completion
24 program for registered professional nurses;
25 (4) "Qualified employment", employment on
26 a full-time basis in Missouri in a position
27 requiring licensure as a licensed practical
28 nurse or registered professional nurse in any
29 hospital as defined in section 197.020 or public
30 or nonprofit agency, institution, or
31 organization located in an area of need as
32 determined by the department of health and
33 senior services. Any forgiveness of such
34 principal and interest for any qualified
35 applicant engaged in qualified employment on a
36 less than full-time basis may be prorated to
37 reflect the amounts provided in this section.]

2 [335.248. Sections 335.245 to 335.259
3 shall be known as the "Nursing Student Loan
4 Repayment Program". The department of health
5 and senior services shall be the administrative
6 agency for the implementation of the authority
7 established by sections 335.245 to 335.259. The
8 department shall promulgate reasonable rules and
9 regulations necessary to implement sections
10 335.245 to 335.259. Promulgated rules shall
11 include, but not be limited to, applicant
12 eligibility, selection criteria, prioritization
13 of service obligation sites and the content of
14 loan repayment contracts, including repayment
15 schedules for those in default and penalties.
16 The department shall promulgate rules regarding
17 recruitment opportunities for minority students
18 into nursing schools. Priority for student loan
19 repayment shall be given to eligible applicants
20 who have demonstrated financial need. All funds
21 collected by the department from participants
22 not meeting their contractual obligations to the
23 state shall be deposited in the professional and
24 practical nursing student loan and nurse loan
25 repayment fund for use pursuant to sections
335.212 to 335.259.]

2 [335.251. Upon proper verification to the
3 department by the eligible applicant of securing
4 qualified employment in this state, the
5 department shall enter into a loan repayment
6 contract with the eligible applicant to repay
7 the interest and principal on the educational
loans of the applicant to the limit of the

8 contract, which contract shall provide for
9 instances of less than full-time qualified
10 employment consistent with the provisions of
11 section 335.233, out of any appropriation made
12 to the professional and practical nursing
13 student loan and nurse loan repayment fund. If
14 the applicant breaches the contract by failing
15 to begin or complete the qualified employment,
16 the department is entitled to recover the total
17 of the loan repayment paid by the department
18 plus interest on the repaid amount at the rate
19 of nine and one-half percent per annum.]

2 [335.254. Sections 335.212 to 335.259
3 shall not be construed to require the department
4 to enter into contracts with individuals who
5 qualify for nursing education loans or nursing
6 loan repayment programs when federal, state and
local funds are not available for such purposes.]

2 [335.257. Successful applicants for whom
3 loan payments are made under the provisions of
4 sections 335.245 to 335.259 shall verify to the
5 department twice each year in the manner
6 prescribed by the department that qualified
employment in this state is being maintained.]

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