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Research Analysis

HB 2422, as introduced, authorizes Oklahoma to become a member state of the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and to adopt the provisions of authorization as specified in the measure. The purpose of the Compact is to increase public access to EMS personnel, enhance patient safety, encourage cooperation among member states on EMS licensure, support licensure of military members, facilitate the exchange of information between member states regarding EMS personnel licensure, adverse actions, and significant investigatory information, promote compliance with laws governing EMS personnel practice in member states, and give member states the authority to hold EMS personnel accountable through mutual recognition of member state licenses. The Compact provides definitions.

A home state's license authorizes an individual to practice in a remote state, which is defined as a member state in which an individual is not licensed, if the home state meets certain requirements. In order practice under the Compact, an individual must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Possess a current unrestricted license in a member state as an emergency medical technician (EMT), advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), paramedic, or state-recognized and licensed level with a scope of practice and authority between EMT and paramedic.
3. Practice under the supervision of a medical director.

If an individual's license in any home state is restricted, suspended, or revoked, the individual will not be eligible to practice in another member state until the individual's home state license is restored.

A home state shall have exclusive power to impose adverse action against an individual's license issued by the home state. A remote state may take adverse action on an individual's privilege to practice within the remote state.

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice has powers as set forth in the measure, including the collection of an annual assessment from member states. The Commission is made up of one delegate from each participating state who is to be the responsible official of the state EMS authority. The commission is to prescribe bylaws and rules to carry out the purposes and exercise the powers of the Compact. The powers and duties of the Commission are set forth in the measure.

Any member state may withdraw from the Compact by enacting a statute. A member state's withdrawal does not take effect until 6 months after enactment of the repealing statute.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2422 in its current form authorizes certain participation in a multi-state compact. The measure itself is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.