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Bill Analysis

SB 1654 enacts the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact into law and directs the Governor to enter the state into the compact. The Compact shall allow PA licensees in participating states to provide Medical Services and other licensed activities to patients located in other states under the other states' laws. States participating in the Compact shall be required to share certain data with the PA Licensure Compact Commission relating to licensees, regulations, and criminal background checks. Participating states must also utilize a nationally recognized exam in their licensing process and comply with rules issued by the Commission. Licensees participating in the Compact shall be required to follow participating states' laws when practicing in their jurisdiction, notify the Commission of any practice in a Remote State, and report adverse actions taken against them by a nonparticipating state within 30 days. Licensees must also not be convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. The Commission shall be comprised of 1 delegate from each participating state. The Commission shall meet at least once per year. An Executive Committee of 9 members is also established to act on behalf of the Commission.

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