

## Additional questions about proposed interstate licensing compacts

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*\*Please fill out this form in addition to the applicable Questionnaire A or B.*

Bill Number: **HF3001/SF2990 – Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact**

1. Who would be affected by the compact? Are any of these practitioners unionized? If so, which unions represent these practitioners?

**The compact impacts dentists and dental hygienists, neither are unionized.**

2. How will practitioners who are not represented by the advocates learn about the bill?

**The Minnesota Dental Association regularly communicates legislative issues, among other membership benefits, to dentists who are not members. The Minnesota Dental Hygienists Association website has information about this initiative for anyone to view. Further, the Minnesota Board of Dentistry communicates legislative initiatives through regularly scheduled public communication.**

3. Do standards for practice and/or licensing vary throughout the country? How?

**Licensure requirements do vary throughout the country; however, the compact will ensure that Minnesota's standards and licensing requirements are still maintained.**

4. Does the compact already exist? When did it become active? Which states are members of the compact? If not, when will it become active?

**The compact requires seven states to become members of the compact before a compact commission can be created. As of February 2024, there are four participating member states: Washington, Tennessee, Iowa, and Wisconsin. In addition to Minnesota, legislation to enact the compact is currently active in the following states: Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.**

5. How many of the affected occupation are currently working in MN? How many are expected to work in Minnesota if the compact is approved?

**The Minnesota Board of Dentistry has the following information public on its website:**

- **Active Dental Hygienist Licenses Practicing In State: 4,885 (5,730 total licensees)**
- **Active Dentist Licenses Practicing In State: 3,427 (3,948 total licensees)**

6. Will Minnesota's regulatory authority be notified when an out-of-state practitioner begins practice in Minnesota? What process, if any, will be followed?

**Yes, the Minnesota Board of Dentistry is notified. Practitioners need to obtain individual compact privileges in each state so regulators will be notified. The practitioner will also need to pass the Minnesota Jurisprudence Examination.**

7. How will out-of-state practitioners be regulated while in MN? Will Minnesota's regulatory agency accept and investigate complaints regarding out-of-state licensees? If not, what is the process for a patient to make a complaint?

**Yes, the Minnesota Board of Dentistry will remain as the regulatory agency, retaining the ability to accept and investigate complaints. There will be no change to how investigations are conducted.**

8. Does the regulator body have capacity/how will it increase capacity to handle additional complaints? Will out-of-state practitioners pay a fee to increase regulatory capacity?

**Yes, the Minnesota Board of Dentistry has the capacity to handle additional duties. Practitioners will need to pay the regular licensing fee. The Board has also submitted this questionnaire, please refer to that document.**