## LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 04/02/2019

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Harrell) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 456.4502, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

456.4502 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; public records and meetings exemptions.-

(1) A physician's personal identifying information, other than the physician's name, licensure status, or licensure

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- 11 number, obtained from the coordinated information system in 12 Section 8 of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and held 13 by the department or the board is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and 14 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, unless the state 15 that originally reported the information to the coordinated 16 information system authorizes the disclosure of such information 17 by law. If disclosure is so authorized, information may be 18 disclosed only to the extent authorized by law by the reporting 19 state.
  - (2) (a) Under Section 11 of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, a meeting or a portion of a meeting of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission established may be closed if it has been determined by a two-thirds vote of commissioners who are present that an open meeting would likely:
  - 1. Relate solely to the internal personnel practices and procedures of the commission;
  - 2. Discuss matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal statute;
  - 3. Discuss trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;
  - 4. Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally censuring a person;
  - 5. Discuss information of a personal nature, if disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
  - 6. Discuss investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes; or
  - 7. Relate specifically to participation in a civil action or another legal proceeding.

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(b) In keeping with the intent of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, recordings, minutes, and records generated during an exempt proceeding are exempt in accordance with s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that a physician's personal identifying information, other than the physician's name, licensure status, or licensure number, obtained from the coordinated information system, as defined in Section 5 of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, as enacted in this state by s. 456.4501, Florida Statutes, and held by the Department of Health and the regulatory boards of the respective professions be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Protection of such personal identifying information is required under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which this state must adopt in order to become a member state and a party to the compact. Without the public records agreement, this state will be unable to effectively and efficiently implement and administer the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

(2) (a) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that any meeting of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission held as provided in that section in which matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or state law are discussed be made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes,



and s. 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution.

(b) The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact requires the closure of any meeting, or any portion of a meeting, of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission if two-thirds of the Commission members determine that certain sensitive and confidential subject matters may arise during the meeting and that the meeting should be closed to the public. In the absence of a public meeting exemption, this state would be prohibited from becoming a member state of the compact.

(3) The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that the recordings, minutes, and records generated during a meeting are exempt pursuant to s. 456.4502, Florida Statutes, and s. 24, Article I of the State Constitution. Release of such information would negate the value of the public meeting exemption. As such, the Legislature finds that the public records exemption is a public necessity.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that SB 7078 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

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90 ======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 91 And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; creating s. 456.4502, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain

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information held by the Department of Health, the Board of Medicine, or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for certain meetings of the Interstate Medical Licensure Commission; providing an exemption from public records requirements for recordings, minutes, and records generated during the closed portions of such meetings; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.