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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to legislative authority to ratify
3 compacts and agreements; defining terms; designating the
4 Governor as the official to negotiate and execute compacts
5 and agreements; providing for ratification of compacts and
6 agreements by the Legislature; providing for submission of
7 compacts and agreements to the Legislature and the
8 Secretary of State; providing for submission of compacts
9 and agreements to signatories for review and approval;
10 providing legislative intent that the act is prospective
11 and does not affect any actions and does not apply
12 retroactively; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Compact" includes, but is not limited to, any
18 interstate compact between the State of Florida and other states,
19 any tribal-state compact between the State of Florida and an
20 Indian tribe in this state, and any subsequent amendments to the
21 compact.

22 (b) "Agreement" includes, but is not limited to, any
23 mutual-aid agreement with agencies of other states which is
24 understood to have the status of a compact but is not actually an
25 agreement between states, any similar agreement, or any
26 subsequent amendments to the agreement.

27 (2) The Governor is the designated state officer
28 responsible for negotiating and executing, on behalf of the

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29 state, compacts and agreements with other states, agencies of
30 other states, or an Indian tribe in this state.

31 (3) Any compact or agreement that is entered into by other
32 states, agencies of other states, or an Indian tribe in this
33 state and the Governor pursuant to subsection (2), and that is
34 not codified by the Legislature, must be conditioned upon
35 ratification by the Legislature.

36 (4) Following completion of negotiations, the Governor
37 shall submit a copy of any executed compact or agreement for
38 ratification by a majority vote by both houses of the Legislature
39 and shall submit a copy of the executed compact or agreement to
40 the Secretary of State pending receipt of an act ratifying the
41 compact or agreement under the provisions of this section.

42 (5) Upon receipt of an act ratifying the compact or
43 agreement, the Secretary of State shall forward a copy of the
44 executed compact or agreement and the ratifying act to the
45 signatories to the compact or agreement for review and approval.

46 Section 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that this
47 act shall apply to actions brought on or after the effective date
48 of this act, is not remedial in nature, and shall not apply
49 retroactively.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.