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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 Secretary  
8 of State; providing for submission of compacts and  
9 agreements to signatories for review and approval;  
10 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

19 (b) "Agreement" includes, but is not limited to, any  
20 mutual-aid agreement with agencies of other states that is  
21 understood to have the status of a compact but is not actually  
22 an agreement between states, or any similar agreement.

23 (2) The Governor is the designated state officer  
24 responsible for negotiating and executing, on behalf of the  
25 state, compacts and agreements with other states, agencies of  
26 other states, or an Indian tribe in this state.

27 (3) Any compact or agreement which is entered into by  
28 other states, agencies of other states, or an Indian tribe in

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29 this state and the Governor pursuant to subsection (2) must be  
30 conditioned upon ratification by the Legislature.

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

38 (5) Upon receipt of an act ratifying the compact or  
39 agreement, the Secretary of State shall forward a copy of the  
40 executed compact or agreement and the ratifying act to the  
41 signatories to the compact or agreement for review and approval.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.