

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records and meetings;  
 3           creating s. 456.4503, F.S.; providing an exemption  
 4           from public records requirements for certain  
 5           information held by the Department of Health, the  
 6           Board of Medicine, or the Board of Osteopathic  
 7           Medicine, pursuant to the Interstate Medical Licensure  
 8           Compact; providing an exemption from public meeting  
 9           requirements for certain meetings or portions of  
 10          certain meetings of the Interstate Medical Licensure  
 11          Compact Commission; providing an exemption from public  
 12          records requirements for recordings, minutes, and  
 13          records generated during the exempt meeting or portion  
 14          of such a meeting; providing for future legislative  
 15          review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a  
 16          statement of public necessity; providing a contingent  
 17          effective date.

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

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 21           Section 1. Section 456.4503, Florida Statutes, is created  
 22           to read:

23           456.4503 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; public  
 24           records and meetings exemptions.—

25           (1) A physician's personal identifying information, other

26 | than the physician's name, licensure status, or licensure  
27 | number, obtained from the coordinated information system, as  
28 | described in section 8 of s. 456.4501, and held by the  
29 | department, the Board of Medicine, or the Board of Osteopathic  
30 | Medicine, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
31 | the State Constitution unless the state that originally reported  
32 | the information to the coordinated information system authorizes  
33 | the disclosure of such information by law. If disclosure is so  
34 | authorized, information may be disclosed only to the extent  
35 | authorized by law by the reporting state.

36 | (2) (a) A meeting or a portion of a meeting of the  
37 | Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, established in  
38 | section 11 of s. 456.4501, is exempt from s. 286.011 and s.  
39 | 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution if the commission has  
40 | determined that an open meeting would be likely to:

41 | 1. Relate solely to the internal personnel practices and  
42 | procedures of the commission;

43 | 2. Discuss matters specifically exempted from disclosure  
44 | by federal or state law;

45 | 3. Discuss trade secrets or commercial or financial  
46 | information that is privileged or confidential;

47 | 4. Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally  
48 | censuring a person;

49 | 5. Discuss information of a personal nature when  
50 | disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of

51 personal privacy;

52 6. Discuss investigative records compiled for law  
53 enforcement purposes; or

54 7. Specifically relate to the participation in a civil  
55 action or other legal proceeding.

56 (b) In keeping with the intent of the Interstate Medical  
57 Licensure Compact, recordings, minutes, and records generated  
58 during an exempt meeting or portion of such a meeting are exempt  
59 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
60 Constitution.

61 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset  
62 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed  
63 on October 2, 2025, unless reviewed and saved from repeal  
64 through reenactment by the Legislature.

65 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public  
66 necessity that a physician's personal identifying information,  
67 other than the physician's name, licensure status, or licensure  
68 number, obtained from the coordinated information system, as  
69 described in section 8 of s. 456.4501, Florida Statutes, and  
70 held by the Department of Health, the Board of Medicine, or the  
71 Board of Osteopathic Medicine, be made exempt from s. 119.07(1),  
72 Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State  
73 Constitution. Protection of such information is required under  
74 the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which the state must  
75 adopt in order to become a member state of the compact. Without

76 | the public records exemption, this state will be unable to  
77 | effectively and efficiently implement and administer the  
78 | compact.

79 | (2) (a) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity  
80 | that any meeting or any portion of a meeting of the Interstate  
81 | Medical Licensure Compact Commission held as provided in s.  
82 | 456.4501, Florida Statutes, in which matters specifically  
83 | exempted from disclosure by federal or state law are discussed  
84 | be made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b),  
85 | Article I of the State Constitution.

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

94 | (3) The Legislature also finds that it is a public  
95 | necessity that the recordings, minutes, and records generated  
96 | during a meeting or a portion of a meeting that is exempt  
97 | pursuant to s. 456.4503(2), Florida Statutes, be made exempt  
98 | from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of  
99 | the State Constitution. Release of such information would negate  
100 | the public meeting exemption. As such, the Legislature finds

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101 | that the public records exemption is a public necessity.

102 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date  
103 | that HB 1143 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
104 | legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
105 | extension thereof and becomes a law.