

HOUSE No. 1921

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a commission to consider the commonwealth’s involvement in interstate licensure compacts.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bradford Hill</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1921) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the advisability of the Commonwealth joining the Nurse Licensure Compact and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing a commission to consider the commonwealth’s involvement in interstate licensure compacts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 special commission established to examine the advisability of the commonwealth joining the
3 Nurse Licensure Compact and or the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The commission’s
4 examination shall include, but not be limited to, the advantages and disadvantages of interstate
5 licensure compacts on access to health services; their impact, if any, on the healthcare workforce
6 and the advancement of telemedicine services; and the subsequent effects, if any, on current
7 administrative, licensing, and regulatory processes.

8 The commission shall consist of 8 members: the secretary of health and human services,
9 or a designee; the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee; the senate president, or
10 a designee; the minority leader of the house of representatives, or a designee; the minority leader
11 of the senate, or a designee; the chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, or

12 a designee; and two members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom must be a health
13 policy expert, and one of whom must be an expert on health insurance.

14 The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any draft of legislation,
15 to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care
16 financing, and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate within 180 days of the
17 passage of this act.