



# INTERSTATE COMPACTS



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# WHAT IS AN INTERSTATE COMPACT?

- f* Simple, versatile and proven means of collective governance by the states through the enactment of a 'statutory contract' between states and recognized under the U.S. Constitution
- Effective means of cooperatively addressing common problems
- f* Responds to national priorities with one voice
- f* Retains collective state sovereignty over issues belonging to the states

# 3 PRIMARY USES

1. Used to resolve boundary disputes.
2. Used to manage shared natural resources.
3. Used to create administrative agencies which have jurisdiction over a wide

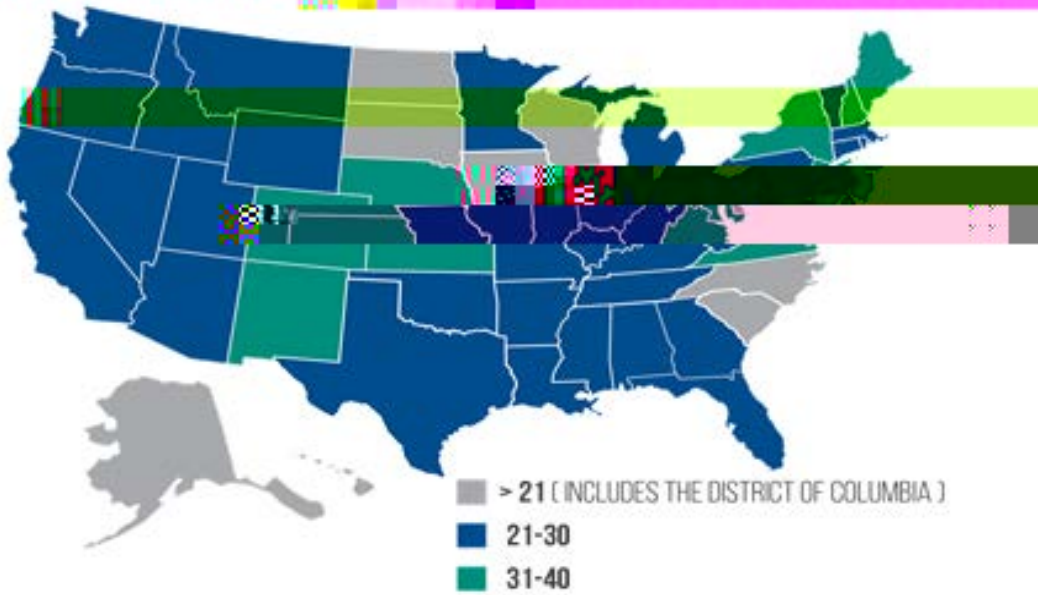
# EVOLVING COMPACT LANDSCAPE

- Threat of a federally mandated solution.
  - Advances in technology.
  - Increasingly mobile world.
  - Distrust of Washington.
  - Proven track record.
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# COMPACTS TODAY

## STATE-BY-STATE INTERSTATE COMPACT MEMBERSHIP



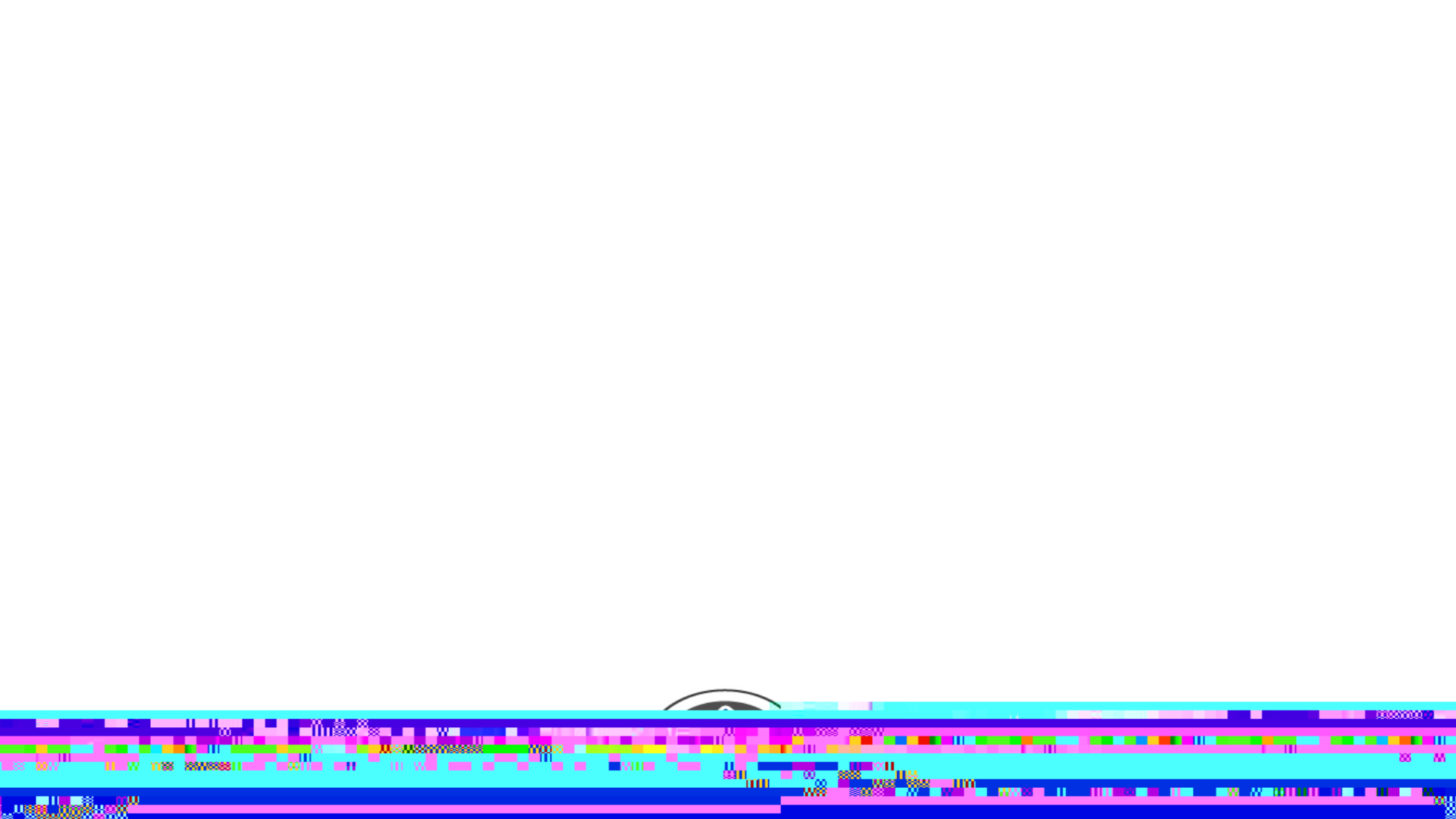
# COMPACTS TODAY

- Approximately 215 active compacts
- On average every state is a member of 2 dozen compacts
- Precedence for international participation
- Originally used to resolve boundary disputes among states, compacts are now regularly utilized to engage in a wide variety of state administrative regulation of interstate transactions (e.g. Port Authority of NY & NJ (1922) signaled a new era in regulatory compacts.

# INTERSTATE COMPACTS – KEY BENEFITS

1. EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY
  - { Economies of scale
2. FLEXIBILITY AND AUTONOMY COMPARED TO NATIONAL POLICY
  - { “One size does not fit all”
3. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMONG THE STATES
4. STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP
5. COOPERATIVE BEHAVIORS LEADING TO “WIN-





# NOTABLE HEALTH LICENSING COMPACTS

- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT – 25 States
- ENHANCED NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT - 25
- COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH – 45 states
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT – 50 states
- EMS LICENSURE COMPACT – 12 states
- MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT – 20 states
- PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT – 10 states

# HEALTH CARE LICENSE RECIPROCIITY

## WHY?

- MOBILE SOCIETY (PATIENTS AND PRACTITIONERS)
- TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS
- RISING POPULATION; DEFICIT OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
- PRACTICAL ADVANCEMENT FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF PRACTITIONERS



