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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: February 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
Enactment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on
January 31, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill enables the District to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC or Compact)¹. The IMLC is an agreement between states and state medical boards that establishes a process to expedite medical license applications for physicians seeking to practice in multiple states. As of January 2018, twenty-two states have signed the Compact.

Under the Compact, a licensed physician in an IMLC member state will be able to apply for and renew a District license on the IMLC website. The District Board of Medicine will receive the application knowing that certain basic qualifications have been met, allowing for a more expedited approval. Physicians must still meet all the District Board's existing eligibility requirements to obtain the license.

The Board will be required to report disciplinary or investigatory actions to IMLC. If a physician's license is suspended or revoked in one state, all licenses issued to other member states will be automatically suspended for 90 days. During the 90 days, each state may then determine if the suspension is warranted, consistent with the medical practice in that state.

¹ For more information on IMLC, visit <http://www.imlcc.org/>.

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The bill authorizes the Mayor to appoint, with the consent of Council, two Commissioners, and one alternate Commissioner to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, which oversees the functions and enforcement of the Compact. The Commission is authorized to charge an annual assessment to member states, but at this time there is no membership cost.

Lastly, the bill authorizes the Department of Health to conduct the criminal background checks on applicants as required by the Compact.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The District will charge the same fees² for applications through the Compact that it does for standard license applications. It is not known how many additional applications will be received through the Compact, but the workload is expected to be manageable within current resources at the Board of Medicine. Fees are dedicated³ to the Board of Medicine's non-lapsing special purpose revenue fund. An unexpected increase in applications would mean an increase in fee revenue, which could be used to help offset operations cost increases, provided there is sufficient special purpose budget authority in the fund.

² A schedule of license fees can be found at this website. <https://doh.dc.gov/node/148492>. The fee for a standard medical license is \$805.

³ Per D.C. Official Code § 7-731, fees are deposited in the Board of Medicine non-lapsing special purpose revenue fund.