STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 10, 2023

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to adopting the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact model language (Part A); to amend the education law, in relation to adopting the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact model language (Part B); and to amend the education law, in relation to adopting the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (Part C)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act enacts into law components of legislation enacting 1 2 the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, the Occupational Therapy Licen-3 sure Compact, and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate 4 Compact. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as 5 Parts A through C. The effective date for each particular provision 6 contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such 7 Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including 8 the effective date of the Part, which makes reference to a section "of 9 this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall 10 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in 11 which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general 12 effective date of this act.

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PART A

14 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6744 15 to read as follows:

16 <u>§ 6744. Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Notwithstanding any law to</u> 17 <u>the contrary, the physical therapy licensure compact model language is</u> 18 <u>hereby adopted and enacted into law and entered into with all jurisdic-</u> 19 <u>tions legally joining therein.</u>

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 2 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment 3 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation 4 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and 5 completed on or before such effective date.

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PART B

7 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 7909 8 to read as follows:

9 § 7909. Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. Notwithstanding any 10 law to the contrary, the occupational therapy licensure compact model 11 language, as revised as of February fourth, twenty twenty-one, is hereby 12 adopted and enacted into law and entered into with all jurisdictions 13 legally joining therein.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 15 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment 16 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation 17 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and 18 completed on or before such effective date.

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PART C

20 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 8209-a 21 to read as follows:

22 <u>§ 8209-a. Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.</u>
23 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the audiology and speech-lan24 guage pathology interstate compact is hereby adopted and enacted into
25 law and entered into with all jurisdictions legally joining therein.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 27 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment 28 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation 29 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and 30 completed on or before such effective date.

§ 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-31 32 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of 33 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in 34 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section 35 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-36 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of 37 38 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such 39 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

40 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that 41 the applicable effective date of Parts A through C of this act shall be 42 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.