

House Resolution 169

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Nelson of the 125th, Williams of the 168th, Glanton of the 75th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, the Georgia Board of Dentistry,
2 and the various professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's
3 office to adopt existing interstate licensing compacts to permit military service members and
4 their families who have a license to practice in a health service field for which a license is
5 required to practice in such field in this state, without requiring such individuals to earn a
6 Georgia license in addition to their home state license.

7 WHEREAS, many states have already enacted interstate licensing compacts relating to the
8 practices of medicine, nursing, physical therapy, emergency medicine, and dentistry; and

9 WHEREAS, military families' inability to practice in professions regulated by state licensing
10 boards causes hardship on such families because of their need to move frequently from state
11 to state and obtain similar licenses in each state; and

12 WHEREAS, insulated state licensing systems inhibit the mobility of medical professionals
13 generally; and

14 WHEREAS, preventing qualified professionals from practicing their occupations because
15 they lack a license in a particular state, while they are otherwise qualified, can decrease
16 patient access to medical professionals; and

17 WHEREAS, national health services associations, such as the Federation of State Medical
18 Boards, have already promulgated model legislation for interstate licensure compacts, which
19 provide for the creation of commissions charged with facilitating the operation of expedited
20 licensing for health service professionals; and

21 WHEREAS, widespread adoption of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact will promote
22 the practice of telemedicine, thereby providing access for patients to a wider group of
23 physicians; and

24 WHEREAS, each state licensing board may retain disciplinary authority over all medical
25 professionals who received a license from such state licensing board; and

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body urge the licensing boards in this state that oversee the licensing of
28 health professionals to adopt the existing interstate licensing compacts.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, the Georgia Board of Dentistry, and the
32 director of the professional licensing boards division within the office of the Secretary of
33 State.