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### House Bill 352 Sponsor Statement

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*“An Act Relating to Interstate Medical Licensure Compacts”*

In December 2025, the Alaska Department of Health was awarded \$272 million in annual federal funding over five years through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). Alaska may score higher in subsequent rounds of funding if the state enacts certain compacts, though the scoring process is opaque.

House Bill 352 would enact Alaska's participation in four interstate medical licensure compacts:

- Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- PA Licensure Compact
- Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
- EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact

These compacts create streamlined pathways for physicians, physician assistants, emergency medical services personnel, and psychologists to obtain expedited licenses across state lines. By joining these existing multi-state agreements, it is possible Alaska could improve healthcare access, enhance workforce mobility, and reduce administrative barriers while preserving state regulatory authority.

The purpose of introducing this bill is to hear from stakeholders and determine whether these compacts would be in Alaska's best interest.