



Athletic Trainer Interstate Compact

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National Center for Interstate Compacts

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CSG is a non-partisan, membership organization that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas among the three branches of state governments.

NCIC is a technical assistance center within CSG that assists states with the review, revision, development and administration of interstate compacts.

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AT Compact History

- **2020:** DoW entered into a cooperative agreement with CSG to fund and support the development of new interstate compacts in support of military families
- **April 2024:** After an application from BOC, the athletic training profession was selected for compact development technical assistance
- **August 2025:** Model legislation for the compact became available for state enactment
- **May 2026:** Compact reached seven-state activation threshold



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Occupational Licensure Compacts

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Licensure Compact Basics

- Licensure compacts “pre-negotiate” the recognition of an out-of-state license through a compact authorization to practice
- Available to licensed practitioners only in the participating states

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Compact Legislation

- Compacts are created through model legislation
- The model legislation is developed through a stakeholder driven, consensus-based process
- For a state to join the compact, it must enact the same model legislation

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Model Legislation Components

- What a state must do as a participating member
- How a practitioner can qualify to use the compact
- How the compact will be governed

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Benefits to Practitioners

-  Reduced barriers to licensure portability
-  Allows for two-way reciprocity
-  Supports relocating military members and their families

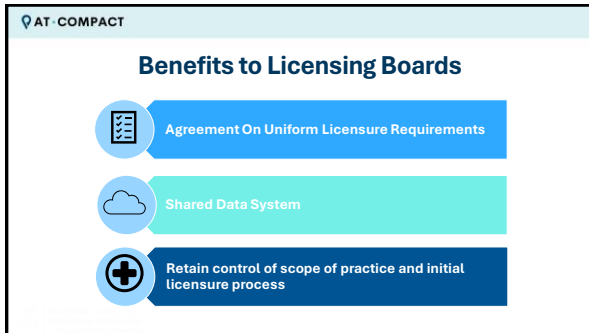
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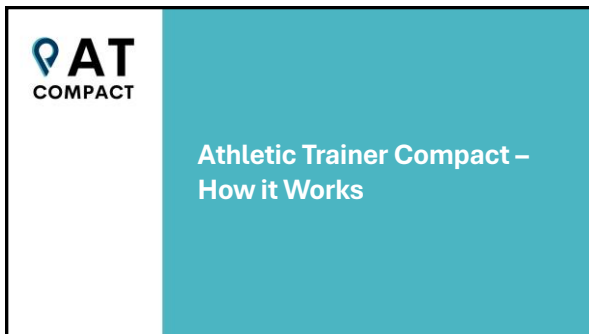
Benefits to Patients

-  Enhances Public Protection
-  Improves Continuity of Care
-  Expands Health Care Access, including Telehealth

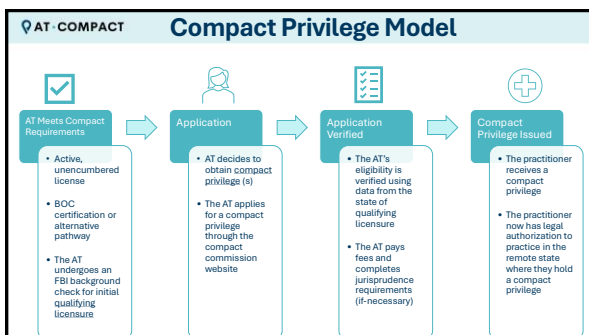
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Section 3: State Requirements to Participate

-  License and regulate the practice of athletic training
-  Require that licensees in that state maintain continuing competence standards as part of their state practice act or rules
-  Implement a criminal background check requirement for a compact qualifying license

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Section 4: Key Practitioner Requirements to be Eligible for a Compact Privilege

Pathway 1

- Valid, current BOC certification

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Pathway 2

- Have a bachelor's degree from an athletic training program accredited by CAATE (or substantial equivalent)
- Successful completion of the examination administered by the BOC

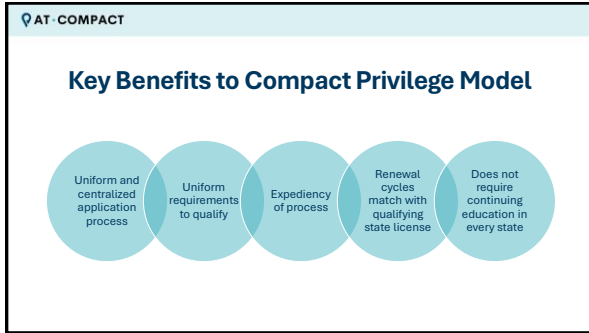
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Section 4: Key Practitioner Requirements to be Eligible for a Compact Privilege

-  Hold an unencumbered compact qualifying license issued by a compact member state
-  Pay applicable fees to commission and remote state
-  Meet any jurisprudence requirements established by the remote state

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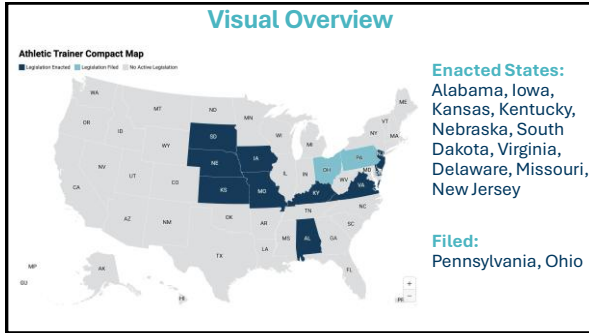
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2026 Legislative Summary

- The model legislation has been enacted in 10 states.
- Since the compact has passed in enough states to hit its activation threshold of seven states, it is now considered activated.
- A commission will be formed which will begin the process of being able to issue compact privileges. The inaugural meeting is set for November of this year.

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**2026 Lessons Learned:
Common Concerns & Questions**

-  **FBI Criminal Background Check**
-  **Fiscal Notes and Predicted Costs**
-  **State Specific Issues**

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FBI Criminal Background Check

- States do not need to have an FBI CBC in place prior to enactment but will need it to participate in the compact
- States do not need to require a background check for *all* of their licensees and have discretion on how to implement the requirement
- An AT must have first fulfilled the background check through a process for licensure prior to applying for a compact privilege to practice

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What does it cost for a state to participate?

- Staff time to implement (serve on compact commission, etc.)
- Possible compact assessment fee
- Compact data system integration costs

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AT Compact Commission

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Commission Structure & Purposes

- Intergovernmental agency that administers and operationalizes the compact
- Each member state provides one commissioner to serve on the commission
- Authorized through compact language to generate revenue to perform operations

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Operationalizing the Commission

- The operationalization of a Compact Commission generally takes two or three years
- Internal procedures and policies must be adopted
- Commissioners will elect officers and committees
- Discussion and consideration of foundational governance documents
- Adoption of necessary rules
- Selecting and developing the AT Compact data system

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Commission Rules

- ✓ Rules are used to facilitate to the implementation of the compact
- ✓ Creates workable procedures & standards not specified in-depth in the compact
- ✗ Cannot apply to athletic trainers not seeking to practice via the compact
- ✗ Cannot extend beyond the implementation of the compact

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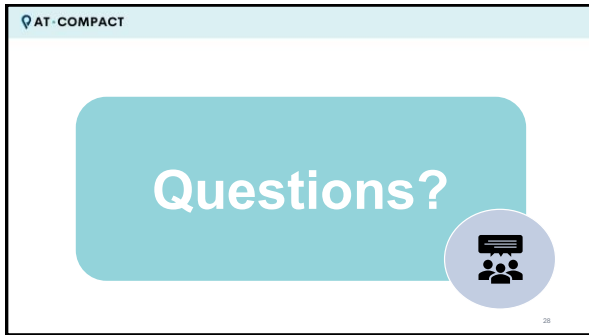
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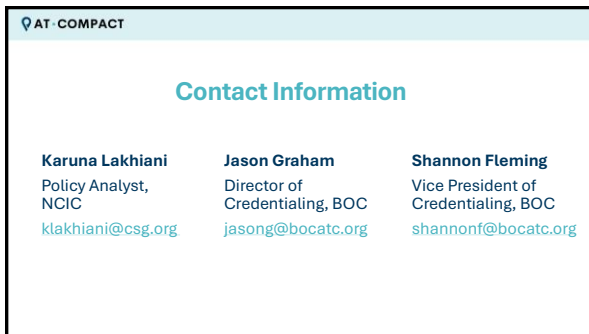
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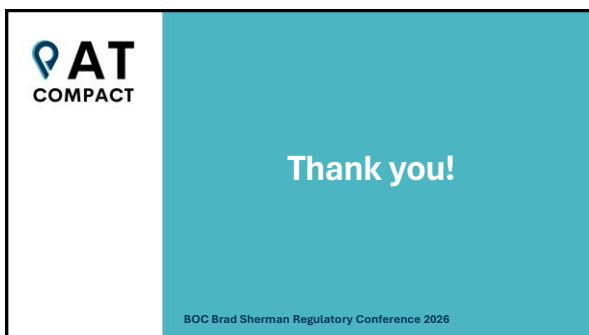
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