

**Report of the
House and Senate Committees of Public Health, Welfare and Labor
To the
Arkansas Legislative Council**

April 20, 2018


Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair
Representative Jim Dotson, Co-Chair

Dear Chairs:

The Arkansas State Medical Board recently completed an extensive eight-month review of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, pursuant to Act 424 of 2017, to determine whether Arkansas should participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The board utilized a committee composed of a board member, outside interested parties affiliated with four (4) hospitals/integrated health systems, board staff, and the board attorney.

The Arkansas State Medical Board recommended to the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees that Arkansas should not join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact at this time. As a result of this recommendation, the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees passed a motion at the meeting on February, 5, 2018, to accept the recommendation from the Arkansas State Medical Board and recommend to the Arkansas Legislative Council that the state not join the Interstate Medical Compact at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Senate Chair



Representative Jeff Wardlaw, House Chair