



For Immediate Release: February 24, 2015

Contact: Tiffany Edwards, 202-331-0110,
policy@fsmb.org

Utah Legislature Sends Interstate Compact to Governor

House Approval Makes Utah First State to Clear Compact through Both Chambers

WASHINGTON – The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact has been approved by both chambers of the Utah Legislature, making Utah the first state to send the legislation to its Governor to be signed into law.

“We’re pleased to see Utah’s state legislature be the first in the country to advance this important legislation, which will expand access to healthcare for so many Americans,” **said Dr. Humayun J. Chaudhry**, president and CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards. “It is very encouraging to see the swift action being taken by Utah lawmakers as well as recent introductions and committee hearings on the Compact in many other states.”

The Utah House of Representatives and Senate passed the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact by votes of 67-0 and 24-0, respectively, and the legislation now heads to the Governor for his approval.

The final model Interstate Medical Licensure Compact legislation was released in September 2014. Since then, 14 states have formally introduced the legislation in their legislative chambers and more than 25 state medical and osteopathic boards have publicly expressed support for the Compact.

The 14 states that have formally introduced Interstate Compact legislation include:

- Idaho
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Oklahoma
- South Dakota
- Texas

- Utah
- Vermont
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

For more information about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, visit:

<http://licenseportability.org/>.

About the Federation of State Medical Boards: The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other healthcare professionals. FSMB leads by promoting excellence in medical practice, licensure and regulation as the national resource and voice on behalf of state medical boards in their protection of the public. To learn more about FSMB visit: <http://www.fsmb.org/>. You can also follow FSMB on Twitter (@theFSMB and @FSMBPolicy) and Facebook by liking the Federation of State Medical Boards page.