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TO: Representatives Margie Wilcox, Ben Robbins, John W. Rogers, Parker Moore, Steve Hurst, Kelvin Lawrence, Napoleon Bracy, Mack Butler, Bill Lamb, and Donna Givens

CC: Representative Parker Duncan Moore

RE: ABMP Comments on House Bill 300

POSITION: **Support**

VIA EMAIL

Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP) provides professional liability insurance, business resources, professional publications, and legislative and regulatory advocacy for more than 81,000 members nationwide.

ABMP is in support of [House Bill 300](#) (HB 300), known as the Interstate Massage Compact (Compact). ABMP worked with the Council of State Governments and the Department of Defense to draft this language and believes **HB 300 is ultimately a benefit to massage therapists because it will allow licensed practitioners to gain employment more easily and faster in other compact states.**

The Compact is a vastly superior alternative to onerous licensure-by-endorsement processes. **It will be advantageous to military families moving around the country, reduce financial burdens of massage therapists requiring and paying for multiple state licenses, and may affect Alabama's bottom line with potential increased taxable income.** HB 300 will also assist the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy by enhancing public safety, reducing application processing time, and expanding cooperation among state regulatory boards.

The Compact bill language was carefully drafted to ensure that licensed massage therapists will be properly educated and vetted. Once a minimum of seven states passes the bill and the Interstate Massage Compact Commission drafts rules, massage therapists in participating states will be able to obtain a multistate license so long as they have 625 hours of education and no encumbrances against their license in their home state. Participating states will require continuing education for license renewal, criminal background checks, and a disciplinary process.

ABMP fully supports the Compact's efforts to increase the mobility of lawfully practicing massage therapists in compact-participating states and encourages you to vote yes on HB 300.

Please contact me at lance@abmp.com if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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