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To: Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
From: Melissa Calderwood, Principal Analyst
Re: Interstate Health Care Compact, SB 373

This memorandum addresses Committee questions concerning the consideration of the Interstate Health Care Compact model law in other states.

Compact History

The Interstate Health Care Compact, introduced as **HB 2520** and **SB 373** in Kansas, is an initiative of the Health Care Compact Alliance, a 501(c)(4) organization. In November 2011, the Health Care Compact was adopted by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) as model legislation. Under the Compact, member states would pledge to "join and take separate action to secure the consent of the United States Congress in order to return the authority to regulate Health Care to the Member States consistent with the goals and principles articulated in this Compact" (Article II). "Health Care" would not apply to military, veterans, or Native American health plans or services.

To date, four states have adopted language allowing for entry into the Compact and legislation is being considered or has recently been considered in an additional 14 states. The Compact legislation has been vetoed in Arizona and Montana (veto messages for the two bills were submitted by a conferee on **SB 373** and are available in the Committee testimony). The following table illustrates state legislatures' consideration of the Compact language, including bill numbers and the most recent legislative histories.

COMPACT LEGISLATION IN THE STATES, 2011-2012 (As of 02/17/2012)

STATE	BILL NO. [Session]	LATEST ACTION(S)
Alabama	H 43 [2012] S 258 [2012]	02/07/2012: Ref. to HC 02/16/2012: In SC; Read Second Time
Arizona	S 1592 [2011] S 1032 [2012]	04/18/2011: Vetoed 02/16/2012: Passed S; Sent to H
Florida	S 1828 [2012]	01/17/2012: Ref. to 3 SCs
Georgia	H 261 [2011]	04/20/2011: Act No. 2010 LAW
Indiana	H 1269 [2012]	02/16/2012: Passed S Comm. w/Am.; ref. to SC on Appropriations

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