



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 542</b>		DATE: <b>2/10/2021</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Professional Registration and Licensing</b>			
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On behalf of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Missouri Occupational Therapy Association, we respectfully request your support for HB 542, which adopts the “Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact” sponsored by Representative Brenda Shields. Much like the existing licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists, and EMS personnel, the OT Compact will increase licensure portability for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, while allowing member state regulatory boards, to better protect consumers through enhanced sharing of licensure information. Existing interstate compacts have been successful in reducing barriers for practitioners who wish to provide services in other states. The OT Compact utilizes a “mutual recognition” model of interstate practice, whereby Compact member states agree to “recognize” valid licenses issued by other member states. This approach is made possible by the fact that core licensure requirements for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants are virtually the same across all 50 states. To utilize the Compact, an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant must have a license in good standing in their home state (primary state of residence) and the home state must be a member of the OT compact. When a licensee obtains a “compact privilege” from the OT Compact Commission, the interstate body composed of member state officials tasked with administering the Compact upon its enacted by ten states. A compact privilege is equivalent to a license to practice occupational therapy in the remote member state. The OT Compact will benefit consumers, our members, and the profession in Missouri by:

- Enhancing mobility for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants;
- Increasing access to occupational therapy services for clients;
- Facilitating continuity of care when clients or practitioners relocate or travel to another state;
- Allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their certifications when relocating;
- Creating an alternative path to licensure for compact privilege holders who change their primary state of residence between two compact member states;
- Improving communication between states by mandating full participation in a licensing and disciplinary data system, ensuring that all adverse actions and disciplinary sanctions are reported regularly, and facilitating sharing of investigatory information;
- Requiring criminal background checks; and
- Preserving and strengthening the current system of state licensure. Importantly, the OT Compact preserves each member state’s authority to regulate the profession. Practitioners utilizing the OT Compact must abide by the laws and rules of the state in which they are practicing, including adhering to that state’s scope of practice.

Sincerely, Michelle Jackson, OTD, MBA, OTR/L  
 Governmental Affairs Chair  
 Missouri Occupational Therapy Association



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**I am Opposed to this BillWe need our own State Regulations to Protect MissouriansThis Compact will allow for abuse and "Bad-Actors" to avoid disciplinary actions, flying under the radar to States in the "Compact."**