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### Overview

This act makes clear that the Board of Medical Practice (BMP) is authorized to perform criminal background checks for the purposes of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Minnesota Statutes, section 147.38, which expedites the licensing process for physicians to practice in other states that have joined the compact. The act also specifies how background check data will be used and provides an exemption for certain physicians.

#### Section

- 1 Application of interstate medical licensure compact to existing laws.** Amends § 147.381. Authorizes the BMP to require physicians with principal licensure in Minnesota to submit to criminal background checks conducted according to section 214.075, under the uniform rules of the Interstate Commission. Specifies that background check data will be used to evaluate physician eligibility for a letter of qualification under section 147.38 and will not be disseminated. Exempts physicians with principal licensure in a different state who have had a criminal background check within the previous 12 months. Makes section effective the day following final enactment.