

PA Compact Commission

#1 – Policy on Policies

ADOPTED: September 9, 2026

LAST REVIEWED:

AMENDMENT HISTORY (LIST WHEN AMENDED AND CITE SECTION NUMBER):

I. Purpose

The PA Compact Commission (Commission) is committed to maintaining policies that ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, promote operational efficiencies, and provide a basis for consistent decision-making.

Policies are not legally binding, but are intended to provide clarity, guide decisions, or implement a procedure. The purpose of this policy is to establish a formal mechanism to create, approve, revise, rescind, and review Commission policies.

II. Development and Enactment

- a. A policy shall be clearly written and understandable and be accessible to the Commission, member states, and the public.
- b. A policy shall be consistent with applicable laws and regulations and case law.
- c. Any Commissioner, Commission committee, or the Commission's legal counsel or executive director may make a request to the Executive Committee in writing to suggest policies to be developed or updated. The request should provide supporting information.
- d. The Executive Committee may determine which requests should be sent to the Rules Committee for review and drafting. Final policy drafts shall then be returned to the Executive Committee for review and vote on the proposed policy draft. Upon the Chair or Executive Committee's request, the Executive Committee's decision may be subject to endorsement by the Commission.
- e. A majority vote of the Full Commission in opposition to the Executive Committee's decision regarding a policy shall have the immediate effect of replacing the approved policy with the policy as it existed prior to the Executive Committee's policy action.
- f. A policy is effective upon adoption, or shall express an effective date, and the policy shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the authorized authority, or as expressed in the policy, such as a sunset clause. The date of

amendment(s) to an existing policy shall be stated, but the original policy adoption date shall be retained.

- g. A policy review shall be conducted by the Rules Committee every five fiscal years or earlier as needed. Recommendations for any modifications or changes should be made to the Executive Committee for action.
- h. All policies shall be maintained on the PA Compact Commission's website. Policies that are rescinded shall be removed on the effective date of the policy action.
- i. Any policy action shall be announced on the Commissions webpage and email notice sent to Commissioners. The action may be included in the Commission's annual report.

III. Reviews

In consultation with legal counsel, the Commission's Rules Committee shall be responsible for drafting, reviewing, updating, and monitoring Commission policies for compliance with all statutory requirements and case law and for effectiveness.