## HB 2502 - Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

## **Governor signs medical licensing compact**

On Wednesday, May 11, Governor Ducey signed <u>HB</u> <u>2502</u> (see photo), the medical licensing compact bill, into law! This means that Arizona is now the 13th state in the country to join the Compact. The Governor's Office released the following statement with his signature:

Governor Doug Ducey today signed House Bill 2502, which enters Arizona into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, improving the medical licensing process and allowing for increased access to medical care. "I've said repeatedly that we want Arizona to be the healthiest state in that nation. The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact increases Arizona's ability to attract top quality doctors to the state by dramatically decreasing licensing time, and lets the world's most talented physicians know that Arizona is open for business. Patients also benefit as the bill ensures that bureaucratic regulations, like processing



paperwork, do not keep qualified physicians out of the operating room where they could be saving lives. I appreciate Rep. Heather Carter's leadership on this significant legislation."

Please Note: While signed, the Compact is not in effect yet. Representatives from the Compact states are slated to meet in June to discuss the formation of the Compact Commission.