

Resolution No. 15

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

**Re: Opposition to the Recognition of Emergency
Medical Service Personnel Licensure Interstate
CompAct (REPLICA)**

1 WHEREAS, compact legislation has been
2 introduced by the National Association of State EMS
3 Officials known as the Recognition of Emergency
4 Medical Service Personnel Licensure Interstate
5 CompAct, otherwise known as REPLICA; and

6 WHEREAS, this compact legislation will allow
7 licensed or certified emergency medical service
8 (EMS) workers to cross state borders and practice
9 their skills [within scope] the same as in their state of
10 origin; and

11 WHEREAS, this compact legislation
12 misrepresents its purpose by making it appear as if
13 ambulance companies/vehicles are subject to the
14 same border crossing allowances; and

15 WHEREAS, this compact legislation, in fact,
16 does not allow for ambulances to cross state borders
17 or extend EMS provider licensure of fire departments
18 and stand-alone EMS services; and

19 WHEREAS, the only agencies that can meet the
20 requirements to have their service and ambulance
21 vehicles licensed in multiple states are large private
22 ambulance companies; and

23 WHEREAS, allowing EMS providers to cross
24 state borders may negatively affect the wages and job
25 security of IAFF members; and

26 WHEREAS, this Compact legislation does not
27 require compact states to support communication

28 interoperability, which is necessary to support a safe,
29 efficient, and effective working environment for fire
30 fighters and EMS providers, as well as the patients in
31 their care; and

32 WHEREAS, the IAFF has made multiple
33 unsuccessful attempts to reach a compromise with
34 the industry advocates of REPLICA; therefore be it

35 RESOLVED, That the IAFF opposes REPLICA
36 in all states and territories where it exists or is
37 introduced; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That IAFF state associations in
39 states that have already joined the REPLICA
40 compact seek repeal of the compact legislation, or
41 limit or eliminate the state funding toward the
42 CompAct; and be it further

43 RESOLVED, That the IAFF state associations in
44 states that have already joined the REPLICA seek to
45 limit or eliminate use of EMS certification/licensure
46 fees to pay for REPLICA.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted