

**UNIFORM INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS AND  
DISCOVERY ACT**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes a process for a party residing in another state that is involved in a civil case in Utah to issue and serve subpoenas in Utah.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ establishes definitions and defines the scope of the bill;
- ▶ authorizes issuance and service of subpoenas by out-of-state parties under certain circumstances;
- ▶ clarifies the application of certain Utah statutes and court rules relating to issuance, service, and enforcement of subpoenas;
- ▶ establishes criteria for interpreting and applying this uniform law; and
- ▶ establishes May 5, 2008 as the date when this uniform law applies to discovery requests in pending cases.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:



- 28           **78-63-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 29           **78-63-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 30           **78-63-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 31           **78-63-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 32           **78-63-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 33           **78-63-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 34           **78-63-204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 35           **78-63-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 36           **78-63-302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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38 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

39           Section 1. Section **78-63-101** is enacted to read:

40           **CHAPTER 63. UNIFORM INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY ACT**

41                           **Part 1. General Provisions**

42           **78-63-101. Title.**

43           This chapter is known as the "Utah Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act."

44           Section 2. Section **78-63-102** is enacted to read:

45           **78-63-102. Definitions.**

46           As used in this chapter:

47           (1) "Foreign jurisdiction" means a state other than Utah.

48           (2) "Foreign subpoena" means a subpoena issued under authority of a court of record of  
49 a foreign jurisdiction.

50           (3) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership,  
51 limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or  
52 governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

53           (4) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,  
54 the United States Virgin Islands, a federally recognized Indian tribe, or any territory or insular  
55 possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

56           (5) "Subpoena" means a document, however denominated, issued under authority of a  
57 court of record requiring a person to:

58           (a) attend and give testimony at a deposition;

59 (b) produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, documents,  
60 records, electronically stored information, or tangible things in the possession, custody, or  
61 control of the person; or

62 (c) permit inspection of premises under the control of the person.

63 Section 3. Section **78-63-103** is enacted to read:

64 **78-63-103. Scope -- Unauthorized practice of law prohibited -- Reciprocity**  
65 **required.**

66 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), this chapter applies only to issuance, service,  
67 and enforcement of subpoenas as provided in this chapter.

68 (2) Except as provided in Subsection 78-63-201(1)(b), nothing in this chapter may be  
69 construed to exempt an attorney from another state from complying with statutes and rules  
70 governing unauthorized practice of law or from the requirements contained in the Utah Rules  
71 of Civil Procedure governing limited appearance.

72 (3) Parties resident in another state may use the provisions of this chapter for issuance,  
73 service, or enforcement of subpoenas only if the other state has enacted this uniform act or  
74 enacted provisions substantially similar to this uniform act.

75 Section 4. Section **78-63-201** is enacted to read:

76 **Part 2. Process for Issuance and Service of a Subpoena by a Party in Another State**

77 **78-63-201. Issuance of subpoena.**

78 (1) (a) To request issuance of a subpoena under this section, a party must submit a  
79 foreign subpoena to a court in the judicial district in which discovery is sought to be conducted  
80 in Utah.

81 (b) A request for the issuance of a subpoena under this chapter does not constitute an  
82 appearance in the courts of this state.

83 (2) When a party submits a foreign subpoena to a clerk of court in Utah, the clerk, in  
84 accordance with that court's procedure, shall promptly issue a subpoena for service upon the  
85 person to whom the foreign subpoena is directed.

86 (3) A subpoena under Subsection (2) must:

87 (a) incorporate the terms used in the foreign subpoena; and

88 (b) contain or be accompanied by the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all  
89 counsel of record in the proceeding to which the subpoena relates and of any party not

90 represented by counsel.

91 Section 5. Section **78-63-202** is enacted to read:

92 **78-63-202. Service of subpoena.**

93 A subpoena issued by a clerk of court under Section 78-63-201 must be served in  
94 compliance with Rule 4 and Rule 5, Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

95 Section 6. Section **78-63-203** is enacted to read:

96 **78-63-203. Depositions, production, inspection, and contempt remedies for**  
97 **subpoenas.**

98 Section 78-32-1 and Utah Rules of Civil Procedure 26 through 37 and 45 apply to  
99 subpoenas issued under Section 78-63-201.

100 Section 7. Section **78-63-204** is enacted to read:

101 **78-63-204. Application to court.**

102 An application to the court for a protective order or to enforce, quash, or modify a  
103 subpoena issued by a clerk of court under Section 78-63-201 must comply with the rules or  
104 statutes of Utah and be submitted to the court in the judicial district in which discovery is to be  
105 conducted.

106 Section 8. Section **78-63-301** is enacted to read:

107 **Part 3. Uniform Application and Construction - Application to Pending Actions**  
108 **78-63-301. Uniformity of application and construction.**

109 In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need to  
110 promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

111 Section 9. Section **78-63-302** is enacted to read:

112 **78-63-302. Application to pending actions.**

113 This chapter applies to requests for discovery in cases pending on May 5, 2008.

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**S.B. 205 - Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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