Nurse Licensure Compact Update

33 States Enact the Nurse Licensure Compact: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming have enacted the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Kansas and Louisiana implemented the Compact on July 1, 2019. Alabama will implement on January 1, 2020 and Indiana’s implementation date is not yet determined. The Compact has also passed in New Jersey and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. If the New Jersey bill is signed by the Governor, they will become the 34th state in the NLC. See Board item 6.1 for further information on implementation of the new compact.

https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm

The Commission of Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators
The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) is the governing body of the eNLC. They are authorized by law to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. They are also empowered to adopt bylaws to conduct the operations of the Commission. The Commission held a two day Summit in February to discuss strategic policy decisions. The Commission also met face to face in conjunction with the 2019 NCSBN Midyear meeting.

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New Rules
The Commission has adopted rules twice since implementation of the NLC. All Compact rules adopted by the Commission can be found at:

https://www.ncsbn.org/finalrules.pdf

Resources
NCSBN has organized resources to help Boards of Nursing prepare staff for NLC implementation. Materials cover a wide range of topics and include: online course, factsheets, policy statements, FAQs, toolkits, videos and more.

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APRN Compact
Three states have passed and enacted the APRN Compact: Idaho, North Dakota, and Wyoming. The NCSBN Board of Directors appointed a 2018-2019 APRN Compact Task Force to consider potential changes to promote broader adoption of the Compact. The Task Force reported to the NCSBN Board of Directors at their February meeting and presented recommendations to the membership at the NCSBN Midyear Meeting in March. At their May meeting, the Board of Directors considered comments on the recommended statutory changes and decided to recommend adoption of the revised APRN Compact to the August 2019 Delegate Assembly.

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Texas Compact Statute and Rules
The Texas NLC Statute can be found at: