

## **Nurse Licensure Compact Update**

**34 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 Jersey, 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). Alabama, Indiana and New Jersey passed the Compact in 2019. Alabama implemented on January 1, 2020 and implementation dates for Indiana and New Jersey are to be determined. There are pending bills in MI, PA, MA and Guam. Bills are expected to be introduced during the current legislative session in AK, IL, VT, WA. 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 meets face to face in conjunction with the NCSBN Annual meeting and NCSBN Midyear meeting. The Commission also meets 4-5 times per year by teleconference to conduct ongoing business. The Commission held a teleconference meeting on January 7, 2020. In addition to receiving reports on pending legislation, the Commission reviewed and approved policies and FAQs. The Commission's Executive Committee can be found at the following website.

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

### **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. <https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm>

### **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 2019 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. After receiving comments at the annual meeting the item was removed from the agenda and left pending. Since that time, NCSBN has hosted an open forum for the public to comment on the proposed legislation. They will consider further action at their February 10-11, 2020 meeting. <https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn-compact.htm>

### **Texas Compact Statute**

The Texas NLC Statute can be found at:

[https://www.bon.texas.gov/laws\\_and\\_rules\\_nursing\\_practice\\_act.asp](https://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_nursing_practice_act.asp)