

July 7, 2015: The summary below was provided to **Bob Reynolds, Lobbyist for the Florida Renal Administrators Association** following his conversation and inquiries regarding the status of the Nurse Compact issue. The Florida Renal Administrators Association has been working on this issue with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

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To: Robert Reynolds

Subject: RE: Nurse compact Issue

Hi Bob:

Over the past two years, the members of NCSBN (the executive directors of all state boards of nursing) convened on at least four occasions to discuss the best possible licensure model which would enable cross-border practice while maintaining state-based licensure. It was decided that the Nurse Licensure Compact, with some revisions, would be that vehicle. The focus then shifted to which revisions to the NLC would be necessary for the remaining non-compact states to join. The executive directors (charged with public protection) identified the primary revision to be a provision which would require criminal background checks in all NLC states. Additionally, they identified a list of a dozen uniform licensure requirements (see pages 3-4 of compact) for obtaining a multistate license.

With these changes, we regard the NLC as a NEW compact. On May 4, 2015, the delegates of NCSBN voted to adopt the new NLC as well as a new compact for APRNs, by an overwhelming majority. Both compacts can be found at <https://www.ncsbn.org/95.htm> (See 5/4/15 versions).

We have developed a summary of the key provisions of the new NLC (attached). The changes made as compared to the current compact are all underlined.

States are now free to introduce the new NLC and APRNC. We are currently coordinating with states to determine which will introduce in 2016, 2017, 2018.

It's important to note that because this is a new compact, all current 25 NLC states will need to enact this new legislation. Once 26 states enact the new NLC, it will go into effect. (The new legislation contains provisions to repeal the old NLC.)

I have also attached the press release about the adoption of the new compacts. I emailed Joe Baker (FL BON) for an update which I have pasted below and which basically mirrors what was said in the board meeting minutes.

"The FBON discussed the new NLC and APRN compact at its long-range policy planning meeting in June. General consensus was positive towards both compacts. The board is hopeful that Senator Denise Grimsley will ask OPAGGA (legislative entity) to study these compacts just as it did several years ago and issue a report as to their potential implementation in Florida. The Florida Nurses Assn has also established a Multi State Licensure Compact Task Force, chaired by Ann-Lynn Denker, PhD, ARNP, former FBON chair. It has held one conference call to discuss the compacts and how the FNA might assist in moving them forward in Florida."

If any questions, just let me know.

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