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DIGEST

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Proposed law enacts the nurse licensure compact. Proposed law allows Louisiana to join a multi-state compact for nurses to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in participating compact states to decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of nursing licenses and provide opportunity for interstate practice by nurses who meet the uniform licensure requirements.

Proposed law provides that each participating state to the compact adopt similar requirements for criminal background checks, licensure, and education. Proposed law requires verification of licensure information through the coordinated information system and exchange of information regarding discipline and adverse actions by all participating states.

Proposed law requires a nurse leaving his home state to practice in a participating state to comply with the laws of the participating state. Proposed law provides for a home state license and process for changing home state and location of primary residence. Proposed law provides that the home state is responsible for taking adverse action against nurses in violation of practice act requirements, including deactivation of multi-state licensure privileges.

Proposed law establishes the Interstate Commission and grants each participating state a single seat on the commission.

Proposed law provides for gubernatorial appointment, based on a two year rotation, of an appointee from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Proposed law provides for enforcement and rulemaking authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:1018-1020)