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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 202

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Peacock

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

NURSES. Provides relative to the Nurse Licensure Compact. (gov sig)

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Required registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multi-state license not issued by the La. State Board of Nursing or the La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners provide notice to the La. licensing board that regulates their profession before furnishing any nursing services in this state.
2. Added a requirement for the same-level criminal history background check required by present law for a nurse who holds a multi-state license prior to his furnishing nursing services within this state.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Require the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to develop a reporting system to collect aggregate data from employers on the number and geographic representation of nurses and licensed practical nurses employed in Louisiana who are practicing nursing or licensed practical nursing pursuant to a multi-state license as determined by the respective licensing board in properly promulgated rules prior to furnishing nursing services in Louisiana.
2. Provide that failure of an employer to submit this data to the board shall not be a basis for disciplinary action against or restriction of the multi-state license of any nurse or licensed practical nurse.
3. Require the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to develop a voluntary reporting system in which nurses holding a multi-state license under the nurse licensure compact and who engages in the practice of nursing or licensed practical nursing in Louisiana voluntarily provide their address and other workforce related data as determined by the respective licensing board in properly promulgated rules.

4. Provide that failure to voluntarily provide this information shall not be a basis for disciplinary action against or restriction of the multi-state license of any nurse or licensed practical nurse.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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.

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Proposed law provides that failure of an employer to submit this data to the board shall not be a basis

for disciplinary action against or restriction of the multi-state license of any nurse or licensed practical nurse.

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)