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SB 202 Engrossed

2018 Regular Session

Peacock

Proposed law enacts the nurse licensure compact. Allows Louisiana to join a multi-state compact for registered nurses and licensed practical 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 state participating in the compact adopt similar requirements for criminal background checks, licensure, and education. 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 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 to provide notice to the La. licensing board that regulates their profession before furnishing any nursing services in this state.

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. 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 requires that a nurse licensure compact administrator for this state be appointed by the governor to serve as the single state designee on the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators. Provides that the administrator shall be a current board member or the executive director of the La. State Board of Nursing for two years beginning in the year of enactment of proposed law and shall rotate every two years thereafter with an appointment of a current board member or the executive director of the La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Proposed law provides for enforcement and rulemaking authority.

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

(Adds R.S. 37:920.2, 971.1, and 1018-1020)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Require that 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. Make technical changes.