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**CHAPTER 294**  
**HOUSE BILL 2362**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 15, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2.1; REPEALING SECTIONS 32-1668 AND 32-1669, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO NURSE LICENSURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 by adding article 2.1, to read:

4 ARTICLE 2.1. NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

5 32-1660. Nurse licensure compact

6 THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT IS ADOPTED AND ENACTED INTO LAW AS FOLLOWS:

7 ARTICLE I

8 FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

9 A. THE PARTY STATES FIND THAT:

10 1. THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC ARE AFFECTED BY THE DEGREE OF  
11 COMPLIANCE WITH AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO  
12 STATE NURSE LICENSURE LAWS.

13 2. VIOLATIONS OF NURSE LICENSURE LAWS AND OTHER LAWS REGULATING THE  
14 PRACTICE OF NURSING MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR HARM TO THE PUBLIC.

15 3. THE EXPANDED MOBILITY OF NURSES AND THE USE OF ADVANCED  
16 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AS PART OF OUR NATION'S HEALTH CARE DELIVERY  
17 SYSTEM REQUIRE GREATER COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG STATES IN THE AREAS  
18 OF NURSE LICENSURE AND REGULATION.

19 4. NEW PRACTICE MODALITIES AND TECHNOLOGY MAKE COMPLIANCE WITH  
20 INDIVIDUAL STATE NURSE LICENSURE LAWS DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX.

21 5. THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF DUPLICATIVE LICENSURE FOR NURSES PRACTICING  
22 IN MULTIPLE STATES IS CUMBERSOME AND REDUNDANT FOR BOTH NURSES AND STATES.

23 6. UNIFORMITY OF NURSE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATES  
24 PROMOTES PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS.

25 B. THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT ARE TO:

26 1. FACILITATE THE STATES' RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S  
27 HEALTH AND SAFETY.

28 2. ENSURE AND ENCOURAGE THE COOPERATION OF PARTY STATES IN THE AREAS  
29 OF NURSE LICENSURE AND REGULATION.

30 3. FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN PARTY STATES IN THE  
31 AREAS OF NURSE REGULATION, INVESTIGATION AND ADVERSE ACTIONS.

32 4. PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING  
33 IN EACH JURISDICTION.

34 5. INVEST ALL PARTY STATES WITH THE AUTHORITY TO HOLD A NURSE  
35 ACCOUNTABLE FOR MEETING ALL STATE PRACTICE LAWS IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE  
36 PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME CARE IS RENDERED THROUGH THE MUTUAL  
37 RECOGNITION OF PARTY STATE LICENSES.

38 6. DECREASE REDUNDANCIES IN THE CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF NURSE  
39 LICENSES.

40 7. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERSTATE PRACTICE BY NURSES WHO MEET  
41 UNIFORM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

ARTICLE II  
DEFINITIONS

AS USED IN THIS COMPACT:

A. "ADVERSE ACTION" MEANS ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, EQUITABLE OR CRIMINAL ACTION PERMITTED BY A STATE'S LAWS THAT IS IMPOSED BY A LICENSING BOARD OR OTHER AUTHORITY AGAINST A NURSE, INCLUDING ACTIONS AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE OR MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE SUCH AS REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, PROBATION, MONITORING OF THE LICENSEE OR LIMITATION ON THE LICENSEE'S PRACTICE, OR ANY OTHER ENCUMBRANCE ON LICENSURE AFFECTING A NURSE'S AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ACTION.

B. "ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM" MEANS A NONDISCIPLINARY MONITORING PROGRAM APPROVED BY A LICENSING BOARD.

C. "COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM" MEANS AN INTEGRATED PROCESS FOR COLLECTING, STORING AND SHARING INFORMATION ON NURSE LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NURSE LICENSURE LAWS THAT IS ADMINISTERED BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF AND CONTROLLED BY LICENSING BOARDS.

D. "CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION" MEANS EITHER:

1. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION THAT A LICENSING BOARD, AFTER A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY THAT INCLUDES NOTIFICATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NURSE TO RESPOND, IF REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS NOT GROUNDLESS AND, IF PROVED TRUE, WOULD INDICATE MORE THAN A MINOR INFRACTION.

2. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION THAT INDICATES THAT THE NURSE REPRESENTS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE NURSE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND.

E. "ENCUMBRANCE" MEANS A REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF, OR ANY LIMITATION ON, THE FULL AND UNRESTRICTED PRACTICE OF NURSING IMPOSED BY A LICENSING BOARD.

F. "HOME STATE" MEANS THE PARTY STATE THAT IS THE NURSE'S PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE.

G. "LICENSING BOARD" MEANS A PARTY STATE'S REGULATORY BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING NURSE LICENSES.

H. "MULTISTATE LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE ISSUED BY A HOME STATE LICENSING BOARD THAT AUTHORIZES THE LICENSED NURSE TO PRACTICE IN ALL PARTY STATES UNDER A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE.

I. "MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE" MEANS A LEGAL AUTHORIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH A MULTISTATE LICENSE THAT ALLOWS THE PRACTICE OF NURSING AS EITHER A REGISTERED NURSE OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE IN A REMOTE STATE.

J. "NURSE" MEANS A REGISTERED NURSE OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED BY EACH PARTY STATE'S PRACTICE LAWS.

K. "PARTY STATE" MEANS ANY STATE THAT HAS ADOPTED THIS COMPACT.

L. "REMOTE STATE" MEANS A PARTY STATE, OTHER THAN THE HOME STATE.

1 M. "SINGLE-STATE LICENSE" MEANS A NURSE LICENSE ISSUED BY A PARTY  
2 STATE THAT AUTHORIZES PRACTICE ONLY WITHIN THE ISSUING STATE AND DOES NOT  
3 INCLUDE A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE IN ANY OTHER PARTY  
4 STATE.

5 N. "STATE" MEANS A STATE, TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES  
6 AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

7 O. "STATE PRACTICE LAWS" MEANS A PARTY STATE'S LAWS, RULES AND  
8 REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE PRACTICE OF NURSING, DEFINE THE SCOPE OF NURSING  
9 PRACTICE AND ESTABLISH THE METHODS AND GROUNDS FOR IMPOSING DISCIPLINE.  
10 STATE PRACTICE LAWS DO NOT INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AND  
11 RETAIN A LICENSE, EXCEPT FOR QUALIFICATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE HOME  
12 STATE.

13 ARTICLE III

14 GENERAL PROVISIONS AND JURISDICTION

15 A. A MULTISTATE LICENSE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED OR LICENSED  
16 PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSING ISSUED BY A HOME STATE TO A RESIDENT IN THAT  
17 STATE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY EACH PARTY STATE AS AUTHORIZING A NURSE TO  
18 PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE OR AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE,  
19 UNDER A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE, IN EACH PARTY STATE.

20 B. A STATE MUST IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING THE CRIMINAL  
21 HISTORY RECORDS OF APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL MULTISTATE LICENSE OR LICENSURE BY  
22 ENDORSEMENT. SUCH PROCEDURES SHALL INCLUDE THE SUBMISSION OF FINGERPRINTS OR  
23 OTHER BIOMETRIC-BASED INFORMATION BY APPLICANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING  
24 AN APPLICANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
25 INVESTIGATION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR RETAINING THAT STATE'S CRIMINAL  
26 RECORDS.

27 C. EACH PARTY STATE SHALL REQUIRE THAT, IN ORDER FOR AN APPLICANT TO  
28 OBTAIN OR RETAIN A MULTISTATE LICENSE IN THE HOME STATE, THE APPLICANT MEETS  
29 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

30 1. MEETS THE HOME STATE'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OR RENEWAL OF  
31 LICENSURE AS WELL AS ALL OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAWS.

32 2. EITHER:

33 (a) HAS GRADUATED OR IS ELIGIBLE TO GRADUATE FROM A LICENSING  
34 BOARD-APPROVED REGISTERED NURSE OR LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE  
35 PRELICENSURE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

36 (b) HAS GRADUATED FROM A FOREIGN REGISTERED NURSE OR LICENSED  
37 PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE PRELICENSURE EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT BOTH:

38 (i) HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE AUTHORIZED ACCREDITING BODY IN THE  
39 APPLICABLE COUNTRY.

40 (ii) HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY AN INDEPENDENT CREDENTIALS REVIEW AGENCY TO  
41 BE COMPARABLE TO A LICENSING BOARD-APPROVED PRELICENSURE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

42 3. IF A GRADUATE OF A FOREIGN PRELICENSURE EDUCATION PROGRAM NOT  
43 TAUGHT IN ENGLISH OR IF ENGLISH IS NOT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NATIVE LANGUAGE, HAS  
44 SUCCESSFULLY PASSED AN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION THAT INCLUDES THE  
45 COMPONENTS OF READING, SPEAKING, WRITING AND LISTENING.

- 1           4. HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED AN NCLEX-RN® OR NCLEX-PN® EXAMINATION OR
- 2 RECOGNIZED PREDECESSOR, AS APPLICABLE.
- 3           5. IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR HOLDS AN ACTIVE, UNENCUMBERED LICENSE.
- 4           6. HAS SUBMITTED, IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR INITIAL
- 5 LICENSURE OR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, FINGERPRINTS OR OTHER BIOMETRIC DATA
- 6 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION FROM THE
- 7 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR RETAINING THAT
- 8 STATE'S CRIMINAL RECORDS.
- 9           7. HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY, OR HAS ENTERED INTO AN
- 10 AGREED DISPOSITION, OF A FELONY OFFENSE UNDER APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL
- 11 CRIMINAL LAW.
- 12           8. HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OR FOUND GUILTY, OR HAS ENTERED INTO AN
- 13 AGREED DISPOSITION, OF A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF
- 14 NURSING AS DETERMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
- 15           9. IS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM.
- 16           10. IS SUBJECT TO SELF-DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CURRENT
- 17 PARTICIPATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM.
- 18           11. HAS A VALID UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.
- 19           D. ALL PARTY STATES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING
- 20 STATE DUE PROCESS LAW, TO TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A NURSE'S MULTISTATE
- 21 LICENSURE PRIVILEGE SUCH AS REVOCATION, SUSPENSION OR PROBATION OR ANY OTHER
- 22 ACTION THAT AFFECTS A NURSE'S AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE UNDER A MULTISTATE
- 23 LICENSURE PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING CEASE AND DESIST ACTIONS. IF A PARTY STATE
- 24 TAKES SUCH AN ACTION, IT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
- 25 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
- 26 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE HOME STATE
- 27 OF ANY SUCH ACTIONS BY REMOTE STATES.
- 28           E. A NURSE PRACTICING IN A PARTY STATE MUST COMPLY WITH THE STATE
- 29 PRACTICE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE CLIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME SERVICE
- 30 IS PROVIDED. THE PRACTICE OF NURSING IS NOT LIMITED TO PATIENT CARE, BUT
- 31 SHALL INCLUDE ALL NURSING PRACTICE AS DEFINED BY THE STATE PRACTICE LAWS OF
- 32 THE PARTY STATE IN WHICH THE CLIENT IS LOCATED. THE PRACTICE OF NURSING IN A
- 33 PARTY STATE UNDER A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE WILL SUBJECT A NURSE TO
- 34 THE JURISDICTION OF THE LICENSING BOARD, THE COURTS AND THE LAWS OF THE PARTY
- 35 STATE IN WHICH THE CLIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME SERVICE IS PROVIDED.
- 36           F. INDIVIDUALS NOT RESIDING IN A PARTY STATE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE ABLE
- 37 TO APPLY FOR A PARTY STATE'S SINGLE-STATE LICENSE AS PROVIDED UNDER THE LAWS
- 38 OF EACH PARTY STATE. HOWEVER, THE SINGLE-STATE LICENSE GRANTED TO THESE
- 39 INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS GRANTING THE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE
- 40 NURSING IN ANY OTHER PARTY STATE. THIS COMPACT DOES NOT AFFECT THE
- 41 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY A PARTY STATE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SINGLE-STATE
- 42 LICENSE.
- 43           G. ANY NURSE HOLDING A HOME STATE MULTISTATE LICENSE ON THE EFFECTIVE
- 44 DATE OF THIS COMPACT MAY RETAIN AND RENEW THE MULTISTATE LICENSE ISSUED BY
- 45 THE NURSE'S THEN-CURRENT HOME STATE, PROVIDED THAT:



1           ii. FOR PURPOSES OF TAKING ADVERSE ACTION, THE HOME STATE LICENSING  
2 BOARD SHALL GIVE THE SAME PRIORITY AND EFFECT TO REPORTED CONDUCT RECEIVED  
3 FROM A REMOTE STATE AS IT WOULD IF SUCH CONDUCT HAD OCCURRED WITHIN THE HOME  
4 STATE. IN SO DOING, THE HOME STATE SHALL APPLY ITS OWN STATE LAWS TO  
5 DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

6           2. ISSUE CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS OR IMPOSE AN ENCUMBRANCE ON A NURSE'S  
7 AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE WITHIN THAT PARTY STATE.

8           3. COMPLETE ANY PENDING INVESTIGATION OF A NURSE WHO CHANGES THE  
9 NURSE'S PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE DURING THE COURSE OF SUCH AN  
10 INVESTIGATION. THE LICENSING BOARD SHALL ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE ANY  
11 APPROPRIATE ACTION AND SHALL PROMPTLY REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF SUCH  
12 INVESTIGATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION  
13 SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM  
14 SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE NEW HOME STATE OF ANY SUCH ACTIONS.

15           4. ISSUE SUBPOENAS FOR BOTH HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS THAT REQUIRE  
16 THE ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES AS WELL AS THE PRODUCTION OF  
17 EVIDENCE. SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY A LICENSING BOARD IN A PARTY STATE FOR THE  
18 ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES OR THE PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE FROM  
19 ANOTHER PARTY STATE SHALL BE ENFORCED IN THE LATTER STATE BY ANY COURT OF  
20 COMPETENT JURISDICTION, ACCORDING TO THE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF THAT COURT  
21 APPLICABLE TO SUBPOENAS ISSUED IN PROCEEDINGS PENDING BEFORE IT. THE ISSUING  
22 AUTHORITY SHALL PAY ANY WITNESS FEES, TRAVEL EXPENSES, MILEAGE AND OTHER FEES  
23 REQUIRED BY THE SERVICE STATUTES OF THE STATE IN WHICH ANY WITNESS OR  
24 EVIDENCE IS LOCATED.

25           5. OBTAIN AND SUBMIT, FOR EACH NURSE LICENSURE APPLICANT, FINGERPRINT  
26 OR OTHER BIOMETRIC-BASED INFORMATION TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
27 FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
28 INVESTIGATION RECORD SEARCH ON CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND USE THE RESULTS  
29 IN MAKING LICENSURE DECISIONS.

30           6. IF OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY STATE LAW, RECOVER FROM THE AFFECTED  
31 NURSE THE COSTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND DISPOSITION OF CASES RESULTING FROM ANY  
32 ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THAT NURSE.

33           7. TAKE ADVERSE ACTION BASED ON THE FACTUAL FINDINGS OF THE REMOTE  
34 STATE, PROVIDED THAT THE LICENSING BOARD FOLLOWS ITS OWN PROCEDURES FOR  
35 TAKING SUCH ADVERSE ACTION.

36           B. IF ADVERSE ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE HOME STATE AGAINST A NURSE'S  
37 MULTISTATE LICENSE, THE NURSE'S MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE IN  
38 ALL OTHER PARTY STATES SHALL BE DEACTIVATED UNTIL ALL ENCUMBRANCES HAVE BEEN  
39 REMOVED FROM THE MULTISTATE LICENSE. ALL HOME STATE DISCIPLINARY ORDERS THAT  
40 IMPOSE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A NURSE'S MULTISTATE LICENSE SHALL INCLUDE A  
41 STATEMENT THAT THE NURSE'S MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE IS DEACTIVATED IN  
42 ALL PARTY STATES DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ORDER.

43           C. THIS COMPACT DOES NOT OVERRIDE A PARTY STATE'S DECISION THAT  
44 PARTICIPATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM MAY BE USED IN LIEU OF ADVERSE  
45 ACTION. THE HOME STATE LICENSING BOARD SHALL DEACTIVATE THE MULTISTATE

1 LICENSURE PRIVILEGE UNDER THE MULTISTATE LICENSE OF ANY NURSE FOR THE  
2 DURATION OF THE NURSE'S PARTICIPATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM.

3 ARTICLE VI  
4 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM  
5 AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

6 A. ALL PARTY STATES SHALL PARTICIPATE IN A COORDINATED LICENSURE  
7 INFORMATION SYSTEM OF ALL LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED  
8 PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSES. THIS SYSTEM WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE  
9 LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF EACH NURSE, AS SUBMITTED BY PARTY  
10 STATES, TO ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION OF NURSE LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT  
11 EFFORTS.

12 B. THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
13 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM, SHALL FORMULATE NECESSARY AND  
14 PROPER PROCEDURES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, COLLECTION AND EXCHANGE OF  
15 INFORMATION UNDER THIS COMPACT.

16 C. ALL LICENSING BOARDS SHALL PROMPTLY REPORT TO THE COORDINATED  
17 LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM ANY ADVERSE ACTION, ANY CURRENT SIGNIFICANT  
18 INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION, DENIALS OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE REASONS FOR SUCH  
19 DENIALS AND NURSE PARTICIPATION IN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS KNOWN TO THE  
20 LICENSING BOARD REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH PARTICIPATION IS DEEMED NONPUBLIC  
21 OR CONFIDENTIAL UNDER STATE LAW.

22 D. CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION IN  
23 NONPUBLIC OR CONFIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS SHALL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH  
24 THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM ONLY TO PARTY STATE LICENSING  
25 BOARDS.

26 E. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ALL PARTY STATE  
27 LICENSING BOARDS CONTRIBUTING INFORMATION TO THE COORDINATED LICENSURE  
28 INFORMATION SYSTEM MAY DESIGNATE INFORMATION THAT MAY NOT BE SHARED WITH  
29 NONPARTY STATES OR DISCLOSED TO OTHER ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT THE  
30 EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE CONTRIBUTING STATE.

31 F. ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE  
32 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM BY A PARTY STATE LICENSING BOARD MAY  
33 NOT BE SHARED WITH NONPARTY STATES OR DISCLOSED TO OTHER ENTITIES OR  
34 INDIVIDUALS EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE PARTY STATE  
35 CONTRIBUTING THE INFORMATION.

36 G. ANY INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED TO THE COORDINATED LICENSURE  
37 INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED TO BE EXPUNGED BY THE LAWS  
38 OF THE PARTY STATE CONTRIBUTING THAT INFORMATION SHALL ALSO BE EXPUNGED FROM  
39 THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

40 H. THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH PARTY STATE SHALL FURNISH A  
41 UNIFORM DATA SET TO THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH OTHER PARTY STATE THAT  
42 INCLUDES, AT A MINIMUM:

- 43 1. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.
- 44 2. LICENSURE DATA.
- 45 3. INFORMATION RELATED TO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.



1 MATTERS RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S INTERNAL PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND  
2 PROCEDURES.

3 (c) CURRENT, THREATENED OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

4 (d) NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF GOODS,  
5 SERVICES OR REAL ESTATE.

6 (e) ACCUSING ANY PERSON OF A CRIME OR FORMALLY CENSURING ANY PERSON.

7 (f) DISCLOSURE OF TRADE SECRETS OR COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
8 THAT IS PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL.

9 (g) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL NATURE IF DISCLOSURE WOULD  
10 CONSTITUTE A CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY.

11 (h) DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATORY RECORDS COMPILED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
12 PURPOSES.

13 (i) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO ANY REPORTS PREPARED BY OR ON  
14 BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
15 THIS COMPACT.

16 (j) MATTERS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE BY FEDERAL OR STATE  
17 STATUTE.

18 6. IF A MEETING, OR PORTION OF A MEETING, IS CLOSED PURSUANT TO THIS  
19 ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION'S LEGAL COUNSEL OR DESIGNEE SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE  
20 MEETING MAY BE CLOSED AND SHALL REFERENCE EACH RELEVANT EXEMPTING PROVISION.  
21 THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP MINUTES THAT FULLY AND CLEARLY DESCRIBE ALL MATTERS  
22 DISCUSSED IN A MEETING AND SHALL PROVIDE A FULL AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF  
23 ACTIONS TAKEN, AND THE REASONS THEREFOR, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE VIEWS  
24 EXPRESSED. ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ACTION SHALL BE  
25 IDENTIFIED IN SUCH MINUTES. ALL MINUTES AND DOCUMENTS OF A CLOSED MEETING  
26 SHALL REMAIN UNDER SEAL, SUBJECT TO RELEASE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE  
27 COMMISSION OR AN ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.

28 C. THE COMMISSION, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS, SHALL  
29 PRESCRIBE BYLAWS OR RULES TO GOVERN ITS CONDUCT AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR  
30 APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND EXERCISE THE POWERS OF THIS  
31 COMPACT, INCLUDING:

32 1. ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE COMMISSION.

33 2. PROVIDING REASONABLE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES:

34 (a) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MEETINGS OF OTHER COMMITTEES.

35 (b) GOVERNING ANY GENERAL OR SPECIFIC DELEGATION OF ANY AUTHORITY OR  
36 FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION.

37 3. PROVIDING REASONABLE PROCEDURES FOR CALLING AND CONDUCTING MEETINGS  
38 OF THE COMMISSION, ENSURING REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS AND  
39 PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTENDANCE OF SUCH MEETINGS BY INTERESTED  
40 PARTIES, WITH ENUMERATED EXCEPTIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S  
41 INTEREST, THE PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION, INCLUDING  
42 TRADE SECRETS. THE COMMISSION MAY MEET IN CLOSED SESSION ONLY AFTER A  
43 MAJORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATORS VOTE TO CLOSE A MEETING IN WHOLE OR IN PART.  
44 AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, THE COMMISSION MUST MAKE PUBLIC A COPY OF THE VOTE TO  
45 CLOSE THE MEETING REVEALING THE VOTE OF EACH ADMINISTRATOR, WITH NO PROXY  
46 VOTES ALLOWED.

- 1           4. ESTABLISHING THE TITLES, DUTIES AND AUTHORITY AND REASONABLE  
2 PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION.
- 3           5. PROVIDING REASONABLE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
4 OF THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE COMMISSION. NOTWITHSTANDING  
5 ANY CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER SIMILAR LAWS OF ANY PARTY STATE, THE BYLAWS SHALL  
6 EXCLUSIVELY GOVERN THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE COMMISSION.
- 7           6. PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR WINDING UP THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
8 COMMISSION AND THE EQUITABLE DISPOSITION OF ANY SURPLUS MONIES THAT MAY EXIST  
9 AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THIS COMPACT AFTER THE PAYMENT OR RESERVING OF ALL  
10 OF ITS DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS.
- 11          D. THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH ITS BYLAWS AND RULES, AND ANY  
12 AMENDMENTS THERETO, IN A CONVENIENT FORM ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION.
- 13          E. THE COMMISSION SHALL MAINTAIN ITS FINANCIAL RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE  
14 WITH THE BYLAWS.
- 15          F. THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AND TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE CONSISTENT  
16 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT AND THE BYLAWS.
- 17          G. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:
- 18           1. TO ADOPT UNIFORM RULES TO FACILITATE AND COORDINATE THE  
19 IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THIS COMPACT. THE RULES SHALL HAVE THE  
20 FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW AND SHALL BE BINDING IN ALL PARTY STATES.
- 21           2. TO BRING AND PROSECUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OR ACTIONS IN THE NAME OF  
22 THE COMMISSION, PROVIDED THAT THE STANDING OF ANY LICENSING BOARD TO SUE OR  
23 BE SUED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED.
- 24           3. TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN INSURANCE AND BONDS.
- 25           4. TO BORROW, ACCEPT OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF PERSONNEL, INCLUDING  
26 EMPLOYEES OF A PARTY STATE OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.
- 27           5. TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADMINISTER STATE  
28 COMPACTS RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF NURSING, INCLUDING SHARING  
29 ADMINISTRATIVE OR STAFF EXPENSES, OFFICE SPACE OR OTHER RESOURCES.
- 30           6. TO HIRE EMPLOYEES, ELECT OR APPOINT OFFICERS, FIX COMPENSATION,  
31 DEFINE DUTIES, GRANT SUCH INDIVIDUALS APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE  
32 PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT AND ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL POLICIES  
33 AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL  
34 AND OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL MATTERS.
- 35           7. TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL APPROPRIATE DONATIONS, GRANTS AND GIFTS OF  
36 MONEY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES, AND TO RECEIVE, UTILIZE  
37 AND DISPOSE OF THE SAME IF AT ALL TIMES THE COMMISSION AVOIDS ANY APPEARANCE  
38 OF IMPROPRIETY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
- 39           8. TO LEASE, PURCHASE, ACCEPT APPROPRIATE GIFTS OR DONATIONS OF, OR  
40 OTHERWISE TO OWN, HOLD, IMPROVE OR USE, ANY PROPERTY, WHETHER REAL, PERSONAL  
41 OR MIXED IF AT ALL TIMES THE COMMISSION AVOIDS ANY APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY.
- 42           9. TO SELL, CONVEY, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, LEASE, EXCHANGE, ABANDON OR  
43 OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY, WHETHER REAL, PERSONAL OR MIXED.
- 44           10. TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET AND MAKE EXPENDITURES.
- 45           11. TO BORROW MONEY.

1           12. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES, INCLUDING ADVISORY COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF  
2 ADMINISTRATORS, STATE NURSING REGULATORS, STATE LEGISLATORS OR THEIR  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHER SUCH INTERESTED  
4 PERSONS.

5           13. TO PROVIDE AND RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM, AND TO COOPERATE WITH,  
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

7           14. TO ADOPT AND USE AN OFFICIAL SEAL.

8           15. TO PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE  
9 TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE REGULATION  
10 OF NURSE LICENSURE AND PRACTICE.

11           H. FINANCING OF THE COMMISSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

12           1. THE COMMISSION SHALL PAY, OR PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF, THE  
13 REASONABLE EXPENSES OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND ONGOING  
14 ACTIVITIES.

15           2. THE COMMISSION MAY LEVY ON AND COLLECT AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FROM  
16 EACH PARTY STATE TO COVER THE COST OF ITS OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND STAFF IN  
17 ITS ANNUAL BUDGET AS APPROVED EACH YEAR. THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT  
18 AMOUNT, IF ANY, SHALL BE ALLOCATED BASED ON A FORMULA TO BE DETERMINED BY THE  
19 COMMISSION, WHICH SHALL ADOPT A RULE THAT IS BINDING ON ALL PARTY STATES.

20           3. THE COMMISSION MAY NOT INCUR OBLIGATIONS OF ANY KIND BEFORE  
21 SECURING THE MONIES ADEQUATE TO MEET THE SAME OR PLEDGE THE CREDIT OF ANY OF  
22 THE PARTY STATES, EXCEPT BY, AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF, SUCH PARTY STATE.

23           4. THE COMMISSION SHALL KEEP ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF ALL RECEIPTS AND  
24 DISBURSEMENTS. THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE  
25 SUBJECT TO THE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS BYLAWS.  
26 HOWEVER, ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF MONIES HANDLED BY THE COMMISSION  
27 SHALL BE AUDITED YEARLY BY A CERTIFIED OR LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND THE  
28 REPORT OF THE AUDIT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN AND BECOME PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORT  
29 OF THE COMMISSION.

30           I. QUALIFIED IMMUNITY, DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

31           1. THE ADMINISTRATORS, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEES AND  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM SUIT AND LIABILITY,  
33 EITHER PERSONALLY OR IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY, FOR ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO  
34 OR LOSS OF PROPERTY OR PERSONAL INJURY OR OTHER CIVIL LIABILITY CAUSED BY OR  
35 ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED, OR  
36 THAT THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS MADE HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR  
37 BELIEVING OCCURRED, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES OR  
38 RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROTECT ANY SUCH PERSON FROM SUIT  
39 OR LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY OR LIABILITY CAUSED BY THE  
40 INTENTIONAL, WILFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF THAT PERSON.

41           2. THE COMMISSION SHALL DEFEND ANY ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICER, EXECUTIVE  
42 DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSION IN ANY CIVIL ACTION  
43 SEEKING TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR  
44 OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES  
45 OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS MADE HAD A  
46 REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF COMMISSION

1 EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROHIBIT  
2 THAT PERSON FROM RETAINING THAT PERSON'S OWN COUNSEL IF THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED  
3 ACT, ERROR OR OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM THAT PERSON'S INTENTIONAL, WILFUL  
4 OR WANTON MISCONDUCT.

5 3. THE COMMISSION SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY ADMINISTRATOR,  
6 OFFICER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMISSION FOR  
7 THE AMOUNT OF ANY SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT OBTAINED AGAINST THAT PERSON ARISING  
8 OUT OF ANY ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR OR OMISSION THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE  
9 SCOPE OF COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES, OR THAT SUCH  
10 PERSON HAD A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEVING OCCURRED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF  
11 COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES IF THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED  
12 ACT, ERROR OR OMISSION DID NOT RESULT FROM THE INTENTIONAL, WILFUL OR WANTON  
13 MISCONDUCT OF THAT PERSON.

14 ARTICLE VIII  
15 RULEMAKING

16 A. THE COMMISSION SHALL EXERCISE ITS RULEMAKING POWERS PURSUANT TO THE  
17 CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES ADOPTED THEREUNDER. RULES  
18 AND AMENDMENTS SHALL BECOME BINDING AS OF THE DATE SPECIFIED IN EACH RULE OR  
19 AMENDMENT AND SHALL HAVE THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS OTHER PROVISIONS OF  
20 THIS COMPACT.

21 B. RULES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES SHALL BE ADOPTED AT A REGULAR OR  
22 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

23 C. BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF A FINAL RULE OR RULES BY THE COMMISSION, AND  
24 AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RULE WILL BE  
25 CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON, THE COMMISSION SHALL FILE A NOTICE OF PROPOSED  
26 RULEMAKING BOTH:

- 27 1. ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION.  
28 2. ON THE WEBSITE OF EACH LICENSING BOARD OR THE PUBLICATION IN WHICH  
29 EACH STATE WOULD OTHERWISE PUBLISH PROPOSED RULES.

30 D. THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE  
31 FOLLOWING:

- 32 1. THE PROPOSED TIME, DATE AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING IN WHICH THE  
33 RULE WILL BE CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON.  
34 2. THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE OR AMENDMENT AND THE REASON FOR THE  
35 PROPOSED RULE.  
36 3. A REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE FROM ANY INTERESTED  
37 PERSON.  
38 4. THE MANNER IN WHICH INTERESTED PERSONS MAY SUBMIT NOTICE TO THE  
39 COMMISSION OF THEIR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ANY WRITTEN  
40 COMMENTS.

41 E. BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RULE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOW  
42 PERSONS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN DATA, FACTS, OPINIONS AND ARGUMENTS, WHICH SHALL BE  
43 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

44 F. THE COMMISSION SHALL GRANT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING  
45 BEFORE IT ADOPTS A RULE OR AMENDMENT.

1 G. THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH THE PLACE, TIME AND DATE OF THE  
2 SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING. THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO HEARINGS UNDER THIS  
3 SUBSECTION:

4 1. HEARINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER PROVIDING EACH PERSON WHO  
5 WISHES TO COMMENT A FAIR AND REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ORALLY OR IN  
6 WRITING. ALL HEARINGS WILL BE RECORDED, AND A COPY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON  
7 REQUEST.

8 2. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A SEPARATE HEARING ON EACH RULE.  
9 RULES MAY BE GROUPED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COMMISSION AT HEARINGS  
10 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

11 H. IF NO ONE APPEARS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE COMMISSION MAY PROCEED  
12 WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED RULE.

13 I. FOLLOWING THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE, OR BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
14 ON THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE IF THE HEARING WAS NOT HELD, THE COMMISSION  
15 SHALL CONSIDER ALL WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED.

16 J. THE COMMISSION, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL ADMINISTRATORS, SHALL TAKE  
17 FINAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSED RULE AND SHALL DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
18 THE RULE, IF ANY, BASED ON THE RULEMAKING RECORD AND THE FULL TEXT OF THE  
19 RULE.

20 K. ON DETERMINATION THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS, THE COMMISSION MAY  
21 CONSIDER AND ADOPT AN EMERGENCY RULE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE OR AN OPPORTUNITY  
22 FOR COMMENT OR HEARING, PROVIDED THAT THE USUAL RULEMAKING PROCEDURES  
23 PROVIDED IN THIS COMPACT AND IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE RETROACTIVELY APPLIED  
24 TO THE RULE AS SOON AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE, BUT NOT LATER THAN NINETY DAYS  
25 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RULE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
26 AN EMERGENCY RULE IS ONE THAT MUST BE ADOPTED IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO DO ANY  
27 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 28 1. MEET AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE.
- 29 2. PREVENT A LOSS OF COMMISSION OR PARTY STATE FUNDS.
- 30 3. MEET A DEADLINE FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE THAT IS  
31 REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW OR RULE.

32 L. THE COMMISSION MAY DIRECT REVISIONS TO A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RULE OR  
33 AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF CORRECTING TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, ERRORS IN FORMAT,  
34 ERRORS IN CONSISTENCY OR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS. PUBLIC NOTICE OF ANY REVISIONS  
35 SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION. THE REVISION SHALL BE  
36 SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE BY ANY PERSON FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS AFTER POSTING.  
37 THE REVISION MAY BE CHALLENGED ONLY ON GROUNDS THAT THE REVISION RESULTS IN A  
38 MATERIAL CHANGE TO A RULE. A CHALLENGE SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING, AND  
39 DELIVERED TO THE COMMISSION BEFORE THE END OF THE NOTICE PERIOD. IF NO  
40 CHALLENGE IS MADE, THE REVISION WILL TAKE EFFECT WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION. IF  
41 THE REVISION IS CHALLENGED, THE REVISION MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT WITHOUT THE  
42 APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

ARTICLE IX

OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. OVERSIGHT IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. EACH PARTY STATE SHALL ENFORCE THIS COMPACT AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THIS COMPACT'S PURPOSES AND INTENT.

2. THE COMMISSION IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY PROCEEDING THAT MAY AFFECT THE POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES OR ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION AND HAS STANDING TO INTERVENE IN SUCH A PROCEEDING FOR ALL PURPOSES. FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE OF PROCESS IN SUCH PROCEEDING TO THE COMMISSION SHALL RENDER A JUDGMENT OR ORDER VOID AS TO THE COMMISSION, THIS COMPACT OR ADOPTED RULES.

B. DEFAULT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TERMINATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT A PARTY STATE HAS DEFAULTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS COMPACT OR THE PROMULGATED RULES, THE COMMISSION SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DEFAULTING STATE AND OTHER PARTY STATES OF THE NATURE OF THE DEFAULT, THE PROPOSED MEANS OF CURING THE DEFAULT OR ANY OTHER ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.

(b) PROVIDE REMEDIAL TRAINING AND SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE DEFAULT.

2. IF A STATE IN DEFAULT FAILS TO CURE THE DEFAULT, THE DEFAULTING STATE'S MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COMPACT MAY BE TERMINATED ON AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATORS, AND ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS CONFERRED BY THIS COMPACT MAY BE TERMINATED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION. A CURE OF THE DEFAULT DOES NOT RELIEVE THE OFFENDING STATE OF OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OF DEFAULT.

3. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE IMPOSED ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER MEANS OF SECURING COMPLIANCE HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND OR TERMINATE SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE COMMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE DEFAULTING STATE AND TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DEFAULTING STATE'S LICENSING BOARD AND EACH OF THE PARTY STATES.

4. A STATE WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COMPACT HAS BEEN TERMINATED IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASSESSMENTS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES INCURRED THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION, INCLUDING OBLIGATIONS THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION.

5. THE COMMISSION MAY NOT BEAR ANY COSTS RELATED TO A STATE THAT IS FOUND TO BE IN DEFAULT OR WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COMPACT HAS BEEN TERMINATED UNLESS AGREED ON IN WRITING BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE DEFAULTING STATE.

6. THE DEFAULTING STATE MAY APPEAL THE ACTION OF THE COMMISSION BY PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR THE FEDERAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICES. THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE AWARDED ALL COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES.

C. DISPUTE RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:



1 BOARD TO REPORT ADVERSE ACTIONS AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS OCCURRING  
2 BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH A WITHDRAWAL OR TERMINATION.

3 E. THIS COMPACT DOES NOT INVALIDATE OR PREVENT ANY NURSE LICENSURE  
4 AGREEMENT OR OTHER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A PARTY STATE AND A  
5 NONPARTY STATE THAT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS  
6 COMPACT.

7 F. THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE PARTY STATES. AN AMENDMENT TO  
8 THIS COMPACT DOES NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING ON THE PARTY STATES UNTIL  
9 IT IS ENACTED INTO THE LAWS OF ALL PARTY STATES.

10 G. REPRESENTATIVES OF NONPARTY STATES TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BE INVITED  
11 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION, ON A NONVOTING BASIS,  
12 BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THIS COMPACT BY ALL STATES.

13 ARTICLE XI

14 CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

15 THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO AS TO EFFECTUATE THE  
16 PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE,  
17 AND IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE OR PROVISION OF THIS COMPACT IS DECLARED  
18 TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY PARTY STATE OR OF THE UNITED  
19 STATES, OR IF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE COMPACT TO ANY GOVERNMENT, AGENCY,  
20 PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS  
21 COMPACT AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE COMPACT TO ANY GOVERNMENT, AGENCY,  
22 PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED THEREBY. IF THIS COMPACT IS  
23 HELD TO BE CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ANY PARTY STATE, THIS COMPACT  
24 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE REMAINING PARTY STATES AND IN  
25 FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS TO THE PARTY STATE AFFECTED AS TO ALL SEVERABLE  
26 MATTERS.

27 32-1660.01. Applicability of compact; scope of practice;  
28 notification; withdrawal from compact

29 A. THE COMPACT ADOPTED BY SECTION 32-1660 DOES NOT ALTER THE SCOPE OF  
30 PRACTICE OF A REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICING IN THIS STATE. A REGISTERED NURSE  
31 PRACTICING IN THIS STATE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE ENACTED  
32 UNDER THIS CHAPTER.

33 B. THE COMMISSION CREATED BY THE COMPACT ADOPTED BY SECTION 32-1660  
34 DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED  
35 NURSES PRACTICING IN THIS STATE. THE GOVERNOR MAY WITHDRAW THIS STATE FROM  
36 THE COMPACT ADOPTED BY SECTION 32-1660 IF THE BOARD NOTIFIES THE GOVERNOR  
37 THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ADOPTED A RULE TO CHANGE THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR  
38 REGISTERED NURSES IN THIS STATE AND A LAW IS ENACTED THAT REPEALS THE  
39 COMPACT.

