

**SSB 6209 - S AMD 1050**

By Senator Cleveland

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act shall be known and cited as the  
4 interstate nurse licensure compact of 2020.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) The health and safety of the public are affected by the  
7 degree of compliance with and the effectiveness of enforcement  
8 activities related to state nurse licensure laws;

9 (b) Violations of nurse licensure and other laws regulating the  
10 practice of nursing may result in injury or harm to the public;

11 (c) The expanded mobility of nurses and the use of advanced  
12 communication technologies as part of our nation's health care  
13 delivery system require greater coordination and cooperation among  
14 states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;

15 (d) New practice modalities and technology make compliance with  
16 individual state nurse licensure laws difficult and complex;

17 (e) The current system of duplicative licensure for nurses  
18 practicing in multiple states is cumbersome and redundant for both  
19 nurses and states; and

20 (f) Uniformity of nurse licensure requirements throughout the  
21 states promotes public safety and public health benefits.

22 (2) The general purposes of this compact are to:

23 (a) Facilitate the states' responsibility to protect the public's  
24 health and safety;

25 (b) Ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states in the  
26 areas of nurse licensure and regulation;

27 (c) Facilitate the exchange of information between party states  
28 in the areas of nurse regulation, investigation, and adverse actions;

29 (d) Promote compliance with the laws governing the practice of  
30 nursing in each jurisdiction;

1 (e) Invest all party states with the authority to hold a nurse  
2 accountable for meeting all state practice laws in the state in which  
3 the patient is located at the time care is rendered through the  
4 mutual recognition of party state licenses;

5 (f) Decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of  
6 nurse licenses; and

7 (g) Provide opportunities for interstate practice by nurses who  
8 meet uniform licensure requirements.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The definitions in this section apply  
10 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires  
11 otherwise.

12 (1) "Adverse action" means any administrative, civil, equitable,  
13 or criminal action permitted by a state's laws which is imposed by a  
14 licensing board or other authority against a nurse, including actions  
15 against an individual's license or multistate licensure privilege  
16 such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the  
17 licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice, or any other  
18 encumbrance on licensure affecting a nurse's authorization to  
19 practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action.

20 (2) "Alternative program" means a nondisciplinary monitoring  
21 program approved by a licensing board.

22 (3) "Coordinated licensure information system" means an  
23 integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information  
24 on nurse licensure and enforcement activities related to nurse  
25 licensure laws that is administered by a nonprofit organization  
26 composed of and controlled by licensing boards.

27 (4) "Current significant investigative information" means:

28 (a) Investigative information that a licensing board, after a  
29 preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for  
30 the nurse to respond, if required by state law, has reason to believe  
31 is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a  
32 minor infraction; or

33 (b) Investigative information that indicates that the nurse  
34 represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless  
35 of whether the nurse has been notified and had an opportunity to  
36 respond.

37 (5) "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension of, or any  
38 limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of nursing imposed  
39 by a licensing board.

1 (6) "Home state" means the party state which is the nurse's  
2 primary state of residence.

3 (7) "Interstate commission" means the interstate commission of  
4 nurse licensure compact administrators.

5 (8) "Licensing board" means a party state's regulatory body  
6 responsible for issuing nurse licenses.

7 (9) "Multistate license" means a license to practice as a  
8 registered or a licensed practical nurse or vocational nurse issued  
9 by a home state licensing board that authorizes the licensed nurse to  
10 practice in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege.

11 (10) "Multistate licensure privilege" means a legal authorization  
12 associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of  
13 nursing as either a registered nurse, or licensed practical or  
14 vocational nurse, in a remote state.

15 (11) "Nurse" means registered nurse, or licensed practical or  
16 vocational nurse, as those terms are defined by each party state's  
17 practice laws.

18 (12) "Party state" means any state that has adopted this compact.

19 (13) "Remote state" means a party state, other than the home  
20 state.

21 (14) "Single-state license" means a nurse license issued by a  
22 party state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state  
23 and does not include a multistate licensure privilege to practice in  
24 any other party state.

25 (15) "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the  
26 United States or the District of Columbia.

27 (16) "State practice laws" means a party state's laws, rules, and  
28 regulations that govern the practice of nursing, define the scope of  
29 nursing practice, and create the methods and grounds for imposing  
30 discipline. State practice laws do not include requirements necessary  
31 to obtain and retain a license, except for qualifications or  
32 requirements of the home state.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A multistate license to practice  
34 registered or licensed practical or vocational nursing issued by a  
35 home state to a resident in that state will be recognized by each  
36 party state as authorizing a nurse to practice as a registered nurse,  
37 or licensed practical or vocational nurse, under a multistate  
38 licensure privilege, in each party state.

1 (2) A state must implement procedures for considering the  
2 criminal history records of applicants for initial multistate license  
3 or licensure by endorsement. Such procedures shall include the  
4 submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by  
5 applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal  
6 history record information from the federal bureau of investigation  
7 and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal  
8 records.

9 (3) Each party state shall require the following for an applicant  
10 to obtain or retain a multistate license in the home state:

11 (a) Meets the home state's qualifications for licensure or  
12 renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable state laws;

13 (b) (i) Has graduated or is eligible to graduate from a licensing  
14 board-approved registered nurse, or licensed practical or vocational  
15 nurse, prelicensure education program; or

16 (ii) Has graduated from a foreign registered nurse, or licensed  
17 practical or vocational nurse, prelicensure education program that  
18 (A) has been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the  
19 applicable country and (B) has been verified by an independent  
20 credentials review agency to be comparable to a licensing board-  
21 approved prelicensure education program;

22 (c) Has, if a graduate of a foreign prelicensure education  
23 program not taught in English or if English is not the individual's  
24 native language, successfully passed an English proficiency  
25 examination that includes the components of reading, speaking,  
26 writing, and listening;

27 (d) Has successfully passed an NCLEX-RN<sup>®</sup> or NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup> examination  
28 or recognized predecessor, as applicable;

29 (e) Is eligible for or holds an active, unencumbered license;

30 (f) Has submitted, in connection with an application for initial  
31 licensure or licensure by endorsement, fingerprints or other  
32 biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record  
33 information from the federal bureau of investigation and the agency  
34 responsible for retaining that state's criminal records;

35 (g) Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into  
36 an agreed disposition, of a felony offense under applicable state or  
37 federal criminal law;

38 (h) Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into  
39 an agreed disposition, of a misdemeanor offense related to the  
40 practice of nursing as determined on a case-by-case basis;

1 (i) Is not currently enrolled in an alternative program;

2 (j) Is subject to self-disclosure requirements regarding current  
3 participation in an alternative program; and

4 (k) Has a valid United States social security number.

5 (4) All party states shall be authorized, in accordance with  
6 existing state due process law, to take adverse action against a  
7 nurse's multistate licensure privilege such as revocation,  
8 suspension, probation, or any other action that affects a nurse's  
9 authorization to practice under a multistate licensure privilege,  
10 including cease and desist actions. If a party state takes such  
11 action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the coordinated  
12 licensure information system. The administrator of the coordinated  
13 licensure information system shall promptly notify the home state of  
14 any such actions by remote states.

15 (5) A nurse practicing in a party state must comply with the  
16 state practice laws of the state in which the client is located at  
17 the time service is provided. The practice of nursing is not limited  
18 to patient care, but shall include all nursing practice as defined by  
19 the state practice laws of the party state in which the client is  
20 located. The practice of nursing in a party state under a multistate  
21 licensure privilege will subject a nurse to the jurisdiction of the  
22 licensing board, the courts, and the laws of the party state in which  
23 the client is located at the time service is provided.

24 (6) Individuals not residing in a party state shall continue to  
25 be able to apply for a party state's single-state license as provided  
26 under the laws of each party state. However, the single-state license  
27 granted to these individuals will not be recognized as granting the  
28 privilege to practice nursing in any other party state. Nothing in  
29 this compact shall affect the requirements established by a party  
30 state for the issuance of a single-state license.

31 (7) Any nurse holding a home state multistate license, on the  
32 effective date of this compact, may retain and renew the multistate  
33 license issued by the nurse's then-current home state, provided that:

34 (a) A nurse, who changes primary state of residence after the  
35 effective date of this compact, must meet all applicable requirements  
36 of subsection (3) of this section to obtain a multistate license from  
37 a new home state.

38 (b) A nurse who fails to satisfy the multistate licensure  
39 requirements in subsection (3) of this section due to a disqualifying  
40 event occurring after the effective date of this compact shall be

1 ineligible to retain or renew a multistate license, and the nurse's  
2 multistate license shall be revoked or deactivated in accordance with  
3 applicable rules adopted by the interstate commission.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Upon application for a multistate  
5 license, the licensing board in the issuing party state shall  
6 ascertain, through the coordinated licensure information system,  
7 whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of, a license  
8 issued by any other state, whether there are any encumbrances on any  
9 license or multistate licensure privilege held by the applicant,  
10 whether any adverse action has been taken against any license or  
11 multistate licensure privilege held by the applicant, and whether the  
12 applicant is currently participating in an alternative program.

13 (2) A nurse may hold a multistate license, issued by the home  
14 state, in only one party state at a time.

15 (3) If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving  
16 between two party states, the nurse must apply for licensure in the  
17 new home state, and the multistate license issued by the prior home  
18 state will be deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted  
19 by the interstate commission.

20 (a) The nurse may apply for licensure in advance of a change in  
21 primary state of residence.

22 (b) A multistate license shall not be issued by the new home  
23 state until the nurse provides satisfactory evidence of a change in  
24 primary state of residence to the new home state and satisfies all  
25 applicable requirements to obtain a multistate license from the new  
26 home state.

27 (4) If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving from  
28 a party state to a nonparty state, the multistate license issued by  
29 the prior home state will convert to a single-state license, valid  
30 only in the former home state.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) In addition to the other powers  
32 conferred by state law, a licensing board shall have the authority  
33 to:

34 (a) Take adverse action against a nurse's multistate licensure  
35 privilege to practice within that party state.

36 (i) Only the home state shall have the power to take adverse  
37 action against a nurse's license issued by the home state.

1 (ii) For purposes of taking adverse action, the home state  
2 licensing board shall give the same priority and effect to reported  
3 conduct received from a remote state as it would if such conduct had  
4 occurred within the home state. In so doing, the home state shall  
5 apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action;

6 (b) Issue cease and desist orders or impose an encumbrance on a  
7 nurse's authority to practice within that party state;

8 (c) Complete any pending investigations of a nurse who changes  
9 primary state of residence during the course of such investigations.  
10 The licensing board shall also have the authority to take appropriate  
11 action and shall promptly report the conclusions of such  
12 investigations to the administrator of the coordinated licensure  
13 information system. The administrator of the coordinated licensure  
14 information system shall promptly notify the new home state of any  
15 such actions;

16 (d) Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that  
17 require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, as well as the  
18 production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a licensing board in a  
19 party state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the  
20 production of evidence from another party state shall be enforced in  
21 the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to  
22 the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas  
23 issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall  
24 pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees  
25 required by the service statutes of the state in which the witnesses  
26 or evidence are located;

27 (e) Obtain and submit, for each nurse licensure applicant,  
28 fingerprint or other biometric-based information to the federal  
29 bureau of investigation for criminal background checks, receive the  
30 results of the federal bureau of investigation record search on  
31 criminal background checks, and use the results in making licensure  
32 decisions;

33 (f) If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the  
34 affected nurse the costs of investigations and disposition of cases  
35 resulting from any adverse action taken against that nurse;

36 (g) Take adverse action based on the factual findings of the  
37 remote state, provided that the licensing board follows its own  
38 procedures for taking such adverse action.

39 (2) If adverse action is taken by the home state against a  
40 nurse's multistate license, the nurse's multistate licensure

1 privilege to practice in all other party states shall be deactivated  
2 until all encumbrances have been removed from the multistate license.  
3 All home state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action against  
4 a nurse's multistate license shall include a statement that the  
5 nurse's multistate licensure privilege is deactivated in all party  
6 states during the pendency of the order.

7 (3) Nothing in this compact shall override a party state's  
8 decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in  
9 lieu of adverse action. The home state licensing board shall  
10 deactivate the multistate licensure privilege under the multistate  
11 license of any nurse for the duration of the nurse's participation in  
12 an alternative program.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) All party states shall participate in  
14 a coordinated licensure information system of all licensed registered  
15 nurses, and licensed practical or vocational nurses. This system will  
16 include information on the licensure and disciplinary history of each  
17 nurse, as submitted by party states, to assist in the coordination of  
18 nurse licensure and enforcement efforts.

19 (2) The interstate commission, in consultation with the  
20 administrator of the coordinated licensure information system, shall  
21 formulate necessary and proper procedures for the identification,  
22 collection, and exchange of information under this compact.

23 (3) All licensing boards shall promptly report to the coordinated  
24 licensure information system any adverse action, any current  
25 significant investigative information, denials of applications, the  
26 reasons for such denials, and nurse participation in alternative  
27 programs known to the licensing board regardless of whether such  
28 participation is deemed nonpublic or confidential under state law.

29 (4) Current significant investigative information and  
30 participation in nonpublic or confidential alternative programs shall  
31 be transmitted through the coordinated licensure information system  
32 only to party state licensing boards.

33 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all party state  
34 licensing boards contributing information to the coordinated  
35 licensure information system may designate information that may not  
36 be shared with nonparty states or disclosed to other entities or  
37 individuals without the express permission of the contributing state.

38 (6) Any personally identifiable information obtained from the  
39 coordinated licensure information system by a party state licensing

1 board shall not be shared with nonparty states or disclosed to other  
2 entities or individuals except to the extent permitted by the laws of  
3 the party state contributing the information.

4 (7) Any information contributed to the coordinated licensure  
5 information system that is subsequently required to be expunged by  
6 the laws of the party state contributing that information shall also  
7 be expunged from the coordinated licensure information system.

8 (8) The compact administrator of each party state shall furnish a  
9 uniform data set to the compact administrator of each other party  
10 state, which shall include, at a minimum:

11 (a) Identifying information;

12 (b) Licensure data;

13 (c) Information related to alternative program participation; and

14 (d) Other information that may facilitate the administration of  
15 this compact, as determined by interstate commission rules.

16 (9) The compact administrator of a party state shall provide all  
17 investigative documents and information requested by another party  
18 state.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) The party states hereby create and  
20 establish a joint public entity known as the interstate commission of  
21 nurse licensure compact administrators.

22 (a) The interstate commission is an instrumentality of the party  
23 states.

24 (b) Venue is proper, and judicial proceedings by or against the  
25 interstate commission shall be brought solely and exclusively, in a  
26 court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the  
27 interstate commission is located. The interstate commission may waive  
28 venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents  
29 to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

30 (c) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of  
31 sovereign immunity.

32 (2)(a) Each party state shall have and be limited to one  
33 administrator. The head of the state licensing board or designee  
34 shall be the administrator of this compact for each party state. Any  
35 administrator may be removed or suspended from office as provided by  
36 the law of the state from which the administrator is appointed. Any  
37 vacancy occurring in the interstate commission shall be filled in  
38 accordance with the laws of the party state in which the vacancy  
39 exists.

1 (b) Each administrator shall be entitled to one vote with regard  
2 to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall  
3 otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and  
4 affairs of the interstate commission. An administrator shall vote in  
5 person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws  
6 may provide for an administrator's participation in meetings by  
7 telephone or other means of communication.

8 (c) The interstate commission shall meet at least once during  
9 each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in  
10 the bylaws or rules of the interstate commission.

11 (d) All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice  
12 of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the  
13 rule-making provisions in section 9 of this act.

14 (e) The interstate commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic  
15 meeting if the interstate commission must discuss:

16 (i) Noncompliance of a party state with its obligations under  
17 this compact;

18 (ii) The employment, compensation, discipline, or other personnel  
19 matters, practices, or procedures related to specific employees or  
20 other matters related to the interstate commission's internal  
21 personnel practices and procedures;

22 (iii) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

23 (iv) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods,  
24 services, or real estate;

25 (v) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any  
26 person;

27 (vi) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial  
28 information that is privileged or confidential;

29 (vii) Disclosure of information of a personal nature where  
30 disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of  
31 personal privacy;

32 (viii) Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law  
33 enforcement purposes;

34 (ix) Disclosure of information related to any reports prepared by  
35 or on behalf of the interstate commission for the purpose of  
36 investigation of compliance with this compact; or

37 (x) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or  
38 state statute.

39 (f) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to  
40 this provision, the interstate commission's legal counsel or designee

1 shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each  
2 relevant exempting provision. The interstate commission shall keep  
3 minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a  
4 meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions  
5 taken, and the reasons therefor, including a description of the views  
6 expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action  
7 shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a  
8 closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a  
9 majority vote of the interstate commission or order of a court of  
10 competent jurisdiction.

11 (3) The interstate commission shall, by a majority vote of the  
12 administrators, prescribe bylaws or rules to govern its conduct as  
13 may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and  
14 exercise the powers of this compact, including but not limited to:

15 (a) Establishing the fiscal year of the interstate commission;

16 (b) Providing reasonable standards and procedures:

17 (i) For the establishment and meetings of other committees; and

18 (ii) Governing any general or specific delegation of any  
19 authority or function of the interstate commission;

20 (c) Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting  
21 meetings of the interstate commission, ensuring reasonable advance  
22 notice of all meetings, and providing an opportunity for attendance  
23 of such meetings by interested parties, with enumerated exceptions  
24 designed to protect the public's interest, the privacy of  
25 individuals, and proprietary information, including trade secrets.  
26 The interstate commission may meet in closed session only after a  
27 majority of the administrators vote to close a meeting in whole or in  
28 part. As soon as practicable, the interstate commission must make  
29 public a copy of the vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of  
30 each administrator, with no proxy votes allowed;

31 (d) Establishing the titles, duties, and authority and reasonable  
32 procedures for the election of the officers of the interstate  
33 commission;

34 (e) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the  
35 establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the  
36 interstate commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other  
37 similar laws of any party state, the bylaws shall exclusively govern  
38 the personnel policies and programs of the interstate commission; and

39 (f) Providing a mechanism for winding up the operations of the  
40 interstate commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus

1 funds that may exist after the termination of this compact after the  
2 payment or reserving of all of its debts and obligations.

3 (4) The interstate commission may not, through bylaw or rule,  
4 determine or alter:

5 (a) What is required by section 4(3) of this act by a party state  
6 for an applicant to obtain or retain a multistate license in the home  
7 state;

8 (b) Requirements to obtain or renew a single-state license;

9 (c) The scope of nursing practice in a state;

10 (d) The methods and grounds for disciplining a nurse in a state;

11 (e) State labor laws; or

12 (f) The obligation of any employer to comply with statutory  
13 requirements.

14 (5) The interstate commission shall publish its bylaws and rules,  
15 and any amendments thereto, in a convenient form on the web site of  
16 the interstate commission.

17 (6) The interstate commission shall maintain its financial  
18 records in accordance with the bylaws.

19 (7) The interstate commission shall meet and take such actions as  
20 are consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws.

21 (8) The interstate commission shall have the following powers:

22 (a) To promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate  
23 implementation and administration of this compact. The rules shall  
24 have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all party  
25 states;

26 (b) To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the  
27 name of the interstate commission, provided that the standing of any  
28 licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be  
29 affected;

30 (c) To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

31 (d) To borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel  
32 including, but not limited to, employees of a party state or  
33 nonprofit organizations;

34 (e) To cooperate with other organizations that administer state  
35 compacts related to the regulation of nursing, including but not  
36 limited to sharing administrative or staff expenses, office space, or  
37 other resources;

38 (f) To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix  
39 compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate  
40 authority to carry out the purposes of this compact, and to establish

1 the interstate commission's personnel policies and programs relating  
2 to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other  
3 related personnel matters;

4 (g) To accept any and all appropriate donations, grants, and  
5 gifts of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to  
6 receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times  
7 the interstate commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety  
8 or conflict of interest;

9 (h) To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of,  
10 or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use, any property, whether  
11 real, personal, or mixed; provided that at all times the interstate  
12 commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

13 (i) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon,  
14 or otherwise dispose of any property, whether real, personal, or  
15 mixed;

16 (j) To establish a budget and make expenditures;

17 (k) To borrow money;

18 (l) To appoint committees, including advisory committees  
19 comprised of administrators, state nursing regulators, state  
20 legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives,  
21 and other such interested persons;

22 (m) To provide and receive information from, and to cooperate  
23 with, law enforcement agencies;

24 (n) To adopt and use an official seal; and

25 (o) To perform such other functions as may be necessary or  
26 appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with  
27 the state regulation of nurse licensure and practice.

28 (9) (a) The interstate commission shall pay, or provide for the  
29 payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment,  
30 organization, and ongoing activities.

31 (b) The interstate commission may also levy on and collect an  
32 annual assessment from each party state to cover the cost of its  
33 operations, activities, and staff in its annual budget as approved  
34 each year. The aggregate annual assessment amount, if any, shall be  
35 allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the interstate  
36 commission, which shall promulgate a rule that is binding upon all  
37 party states.

38 (c) The interstate commission shall not incur obligations of any  
39 kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall

1 the interstate commission pledge the credit of any of the party  
2 states, except by, and with the authority of, such party state.

3 (d) The interstate commission shall keep accurate accounts of all  
4 receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the  
5 interstate commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting  
6 procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and  
7 disbursements of funds handled by the interstate commission shall be  
8 audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the  
9 report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the  
10 annual report of the interstate commission.

11 (10)(a) The administrators, officers, executive director,  
12 employees, and representatives of the interstate commission shall be  
13 immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their  
14 official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or  
15 personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of  
16 any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that  
17 the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for  
18 believing occurred, within the scope of interstate commission  
19 employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing in  
20 this subsection shall be construed to protect any such person from  
21 suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused  
22 by the intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct of that person.

23 (b) The interstate commission shall defend any administrator,  
24 officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the  
25 interstate commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability  
26 arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that  
27 occurred within the scope of interstate commission employment,  
28 duties, or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the  
29 claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within  
30 the scope of interstate commission employment, duties, or  
31 responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to  
32 prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and  
33 provided further that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission  
34 did not result from that person's intentional, willful, or wanton  
35 misconduct.

36 (c) The interstate commission shall indemnify and hold harmless  
37 any administrator, officer, executive director, employee, or  
38 representative of the interstate commission for the amount of any  
39 settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of  
40 any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within

1 the scope of interstate commission employment, duties, or  
2 responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for  
3 believing occurred within the scope of interstate commission  
4 employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or  
5 alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional,  
6 willful, or wanton misconduct of that person.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The interstate commission shall  
8 exercise its rule-making powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in  
9 this section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments  
10 shall become binding as of the date specified in each rule or  
11 amendment and shall have the same force and effect as provisions of  
12 this compact.

13 (2) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a  
14 regular or special meeting of the interstate commission.

15 (3) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules  
16 by the interstate commission, and at least sixty days in advance of  
17 the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the  
18 interstate commission shall file a notice of proposed rule making:

19 (a) On the web site of the interstate commission; and

20 (b) On the web site of each licensing board or the publication in  
21 which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

22 (4) The notice of proposed rule making shall include:

23 (a) The proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in which  
24 the rule will be considered and voted upon;

25 (b) The text of the proposed rule or amendment, and the reason  
26 for the proposed rule;

27 (c) A request for comments on the proposed rule from any  
28 interested person; and

29 (d) The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to  
30 the interstate commission of their intention to attend the public  
31 hearing and any written comments.

32 (5) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the interstate  
33 commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts,  
34 opinions, and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

35 (6) The interstate commission shall grant an opportunity for a  
36 public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment.

37 (7) The interstate commission shall publish the place, time, and  
38 date of the scheduled public hearing.

1 (a) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person  
2 who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment  
3 orally or in writing. All hearings will be recorded, and a copy will  
4 be made available upon request.

5 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a  
6 separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the  
7 convenience of the interstate commission at hearings required by this  
8 section.

9 (8) If no one appears at the public hearing, the interstate  
10 commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule.

11 (9) Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of  
12 business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held,  
13 the interstate commission shall consider all written and oral  
14 comments received.

15 (10) The interstate commission shall, by majority vote of all  
16 administrators, take final action on the proposed rule and shall  
17 determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rule-  
18 making record and the full text of the rule.

19 (11) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the interstate  
20 commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior  
21 notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that the usual  
22 rule-making procedures provided in this compact and in this section  
23 shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably  
24 possible, in no event later than ninety days after the effective date  
25 of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is  
26 one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

27 (a) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;

28 (b) Prevent a loss of interstate commission or party state funds;

29 or

30 (c) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative  
31 rule that is required by federal law or rule.

32 (12) The interstate commission may direct revisions to a  
33 previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting  
34 typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or  
35 grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on  
36 the web site of the interstate commission. The revision shall be  
37 subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty days after  
38 posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the  
39 revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be  
40 made in writing, and delivered to the interstate commission, prior to

1 the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision  
2 will take effect without further action. If the revision is  
3 challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of  
4 the interstate commission.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) Each party state shall enforce this  
6 compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate  
7 this compact's purposes and intent.

8 (2) The interstate commission shall be entitled to receive  
9 service of process in any proceeding that may affect the powers,  
10 responsibilities, or actions of the interstate commission, and shall  
11 have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes.  
12 Failure to provide service of process in such proceeding to the  
13 interstate commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the  
14 interstate commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.

15 (a) If the interstate commission determines that a party state  
16 has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or  
17 responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the  
18 interstate commission shall:

19 (i) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other  
20 party states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of  
21 curing the default, or any other action to be taken by the interstate  
22 commission; and

23 (ii) Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance  
24 regarding the default.

25 (b) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the  
26 defaulting state's membership in this compact may be terminated upon  
27 an affirmative vote of a majority of the administrators, and all  
28 rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by this compact may be  
29 terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the  
30 default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or  
31 liabilities incurred during the period of default.

32 (c) Termination of membership in this compact shall be imposed  
33 only after all other means of securing compliance have been  
34 exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by  
35 the interstate commission to the governor of the defaulting state and  
36 to the executive officer of the defaulting state's licensing board  
37 and each of the party states.

38 (d) A state whose membership in this compact has been terminated  
39 is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities

1 incurred through the effective date of termination, including  
2 obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

3 (e) The interstate commission shall not bear any costs related to  
4 a state that is found to be in default or whose membership in this  
5 compact has been terminated unless agreed upon in writing between the  
6 interstate commission and the defaulting state.

7 (f) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the interstate  
8 commission by petitioning the United States district court for the  
9 District of Columbia or the federal district in which the interstate  
10 commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be  
11 awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys'  
12 fees.

13 (3) (a) Upon request by a party state, the interstate commission  
14 shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise  
15 among party states and between party and nonparty states.

16 (b) The interstate commission shall promulgate a rule providing  
17 for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes, as  
18 appropriate.

19 (c) In the event the interstate commission cannot resolve  
20 disputes among party states arising under this compact:

21 (i) The party states may submit the issues in dispute to an  
22 arbitration panel, which will be comprised of individuals appointed  
23 by the compact administrator in each of the affected party states and  
24 an individual mutually agreed upon by the compact administrators of  
25 all the party states involved in the dispute.

26 (ii) The decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall be final  
27 and binding.

28 (4) (a) The interstate commission, in the reasonable exercise of  
29 its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this  
30 compact.

31 (b) By majority vote, the interstate commission may initiate  
32 legal action in the United States district court for the District of  
33 Columbia or the federal district in which the interstate commission  
34 has its principal offices against a party state that is in default to  
35 enforce compliance with the provisions of this compact and its  
36 promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both  
37 injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is  
38 necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such  
39 litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

1 (c) The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of  
2 the interstate commission. The interstate commission may pursue any  
3 other remedies available under federal or state law.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) This compact shall become effective  
5 and binding on the earlier of the date of legislative enactment of  
6 this compact into law by no less than twenty-six states or December  
7 31, 2018. All party states to this compact, that also were parties to  
8 the prior nurse licensure compact, superseded by this compact, shall  
9 be deemed to have withdrawn from the prior compact within six months  
10 after the effective date of this compact.

11 (2) Each party state to this compact shall continue to recognize  
12 a nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice in that party  
13 state issued under the prior compact until such party state has  
14 withdrawn from the prior compact.

15 (3) Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a  
16 statute repealing the same. A party state's withdrawal shall not take  
17 effect until six months after enactment of the repealing statute.

18 (4) A party state's withdrawal or termination shall not affect  
19 the continuing requirement of the withdrawing or terminated state's  
20 licensing board to report adverse actions and significant  
21 investigations occurring prior to the effective date of such  
22 withdrawal or termination.

23 (5) Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to  
24 invalidate or prevent any nurse licensure agreement or other  
25 cooperative arrangement between a party state and a nonparty state  
26 that is made in accordance with the other provisions of this compact.

27 (6) This compact may be amended by the party states. No amendment  
28 to this compact shall become effective and binding upon the party  
29 states unless and until it is enacted into the laws of all party  
30 states.

31 (7) Representatives of nonparty states to this compact shall be  
32 invited to participate in the activities of the interstate  
33 commission, on a nonvoting basis, prior to the adoption of this  
34 compact by all states.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** This compact shall be liberally construed  
36 so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this  
37 compact shall be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or  
38 provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the

1 Constitution of any party state or of the United States, or if the  
2 applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or  
3 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this  
4 compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency,  
5 person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this  
6 compact shall be held to be contrary to the Constitution of any party  
7 state, this compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the  
8 remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party  
9 state affected as to all severable matters.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 The commission may adopt rules to implement this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) In screening applicants to obtain or retain a multistate  
16 license under section 4 of this act, the commission shall:

17 (a) Obtain fingerprints from each applicant for a multistate  
18 license;

19 (b) Submit the fingerprints through the state patrol to the  
20 federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history  
21 background check;

22 (c) Receive the results of the federal bureau of investigation  
23 national criminal history background check; and

24 (d) Use the results in making multistate licensure decisions.

25 (2) The results of the federal bureau of investigation national  
26 criminal history background check are confidential. The commission  
27 shall not release the results to the public, the interstate  
28 commission of nurse licensure compact administrators, or the  
29 licensing board of any other state.

30 (3) Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the  
31 commission to participate in the federal bureau of investigation  
32 service, known as rap back, which identifies changes in criminal  
33 history record information against retained fingerprints.

34 (4) For purposes of this section, "multistate license" means the  
35 same as defined in section 3 of this act.

36 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.79.030 and 1997 c 177 s 1 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

1 (1) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to  
2 practice as a registered nurse in this state unless that person has  
3 been licensed under this chapter or holds a valid multistate license  
4 under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 24 of  
5 this act). A person who holds a license to practice as a registered  
6 nurse in this state may use the titles "registered nurse" and "nurse"  
7 and the abbreviation "R.N." No other person may assume those titles  
8 or use the abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or  
9 figures to indicate that the person using them is a registered nurse.

10 (2) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to  
11 practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a nurse  
12 practitioner in this state unless that person has been licensed under  
13 this chapter. A person who holds a license to practice as an advanced  
14 registered nurse practitioner in this state may use the titles  
15 "advanced registered nurse practitioner," "nurse practitioner," and  
16 "nurse" and the abbreviations "A.R.N.P." and "N.P." No other person  
17 may assume those titles or use those abbreviations or any other  
18 words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using  
19 them is an advanced registered nurse practitioner or nurse  
20 practitioner.

21 (3) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to  
22 practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state unless that  
23 person has been licensed under this chapter or holds a valid  
24 multistate license under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created  
25 in section 24 of this act). A person who holds a license to practice  
26 as a licensed practical nurse in this state may use the titles  
27 "licensed practical nurse" and "nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N."  
28 No other person may assume those titles or use that abbreviation or  
29 any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the  
30 person using them is a licensed practical nurse.

31 (4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person listed as a  
32 Christian Science nurse in the Christian Science Journal published by  
33 the Christian Science Publishing Society, Boston, Massachusetts, from  
34 using the title "Christian Science nurse," so long as such person  
35 does not hold himself or herself out as a registered nurse, advanced  
36 registered nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner, or licensed  
37 practical nurse, unless otherwise authorized by law to do so.

38 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2019 c 444 s 11, 2019 c 308 s 18,  
39 and 2019 c 55 s 7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and  
2 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions  
3 licensed under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter  
4 does not apply to any business or profession not licensed under the  
5 chapters specified in this section.

6 (2) (a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
7 to the following professions:

8 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed and designated apprentices  
9 under chapter 18.34 RCW;

10 (ii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

11 (iii) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

12 (iv) Massage therapists and businesses licensed under chapter  
13 18.108 RCW;

14 (v) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

15 (vi) Acupuncturists or acupuncture and Eastern medicine  
16 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW;

17 (vii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians  
18 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

19 (viii) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter  
20 18.89 RCW;

21 (ix) Hypnotherapists and agency affiliated counselors registered  
22 and advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

23 (x) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health  
24 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and  
25 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates—  
26 advanced, and social work associates—independent clinical under  
27 chapter 18.225 RCW;

28 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter  
29 18.52C RCW;

30 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified or medication  
31 assistants endorsed under chapter 18.88A RCW;

32 (xiii) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter  
33 18.138 RCW;

34 (xiv) Substance use disorder professionals, substance use  
35 disorder professional trainees, or co-occurring disorder specialists  
36 certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

37 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex  
38 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

39 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or  
40 RCW 18.71.205;

1 (xvii) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200  
2 RCW;

3 (xviii) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215  
4 RCW;

5 (xix) Recreational therapists under chapter 18.230 RCW;

6 (xx) Animal massage therapists certified under chapter 18.240  
7 RCW;

8 (xxi) Athletic trainers licensed under chapter 18.250 RCW;

9 (xxii) Home care aides certified under chapter 18.88B RCW;

10 (xxiii) Genetic counselors licensed under chapter 18.290 RCW;

11 (xxiv) Reflexologists certified under chapter 18.108 RCW;

12 (xxv) Medical assistants-certified, medical assistants-  
13 hemodialysis technician, medical assistants-phlebotomist, forensic  
14 phlebotomist, and medical assistants-registered certified and  
15 registered under chapter 18.360 RCW; and

16 (xxvi) Behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and  
17 behavior technicians under chapter 18.380 RCW.

18 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this  
19 chapter are as follows:

20 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22  
21 RCW;

22 (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established  
23 in chapter 18.25 RCW;

24 (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in  
25 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW,  
26 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW, and  
27 certifications issued under chapter 18.350 RCW;

28 (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter  
29 18.35 RCW;

30 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
31 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

32 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
33 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

34 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as  
35 established in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under  
36 chapters 18.57 and 18.57A RCW;

37 (viii) The pharmacy quality assurance commission as established  
38 in chapter 18.64 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64  
39 and 18.64A RCW;

1 (ix) The Washington medical commission as established in chapter  
2 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under chapters  
3 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

4 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
5 RCW;

6 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
7 chapter 18.59 RCW;

8 (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as  
9 established in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses and registrations  
10 issued under that chapter and under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new  
11 chapter created in section 24 of this act);

12 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
13 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

14 (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
15 18.92 RCW;

16 (xv) The board of naturopathy established in chapter 18.36A RCW;  
17 and

18 (xvi) The board of denturists established in chapter 18.30 RCW.

19 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders,  
20 the disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny  
21 licenses. The disciplining authority may also grant a license subject  
22 to conditions.

23 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure  
24 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the uniform  
25 disciplinary act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
26 subsection (2) of this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41  
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, hospitals  
30 licensed under this chapter must report the number of individuals  
31 employed by the hospital and physically working at the hospital who  
32 hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state other than  
33 Washington to the nursing care quality assurance commission. The  
34 hospital may use self-reported data provided by an employee to  
35 satisfy the requirements of this section.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 71.12  
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter,  
2 establishments licensed under this chapter must report the number of  
3 individuals employed by the establishment and physically working at  
4 the establishment who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a  
5 state other than Washington to the nursing care quality assurance  
6 commission. The establishment may use self-reported data provided by  
7 an employee to satisfy the requirements of this section.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 70.230  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, ambulatory  
11 surgical facilities licensed under this chapter must report the  
12 number of individuals employed by the facility and physically working  
13 at the facility who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state  
14 other than Washington to the nursing care quality assurance  
15 commission. The facility may use self-reported data provided by an  
16 employee to satisfy the requirements of this section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, nursing  
20 homes licensed under this chapter must report the number of  
21 individuals employed by the home and physically working at the home  
22 who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state other than  
23 Washington to the nursing care quality assurance commission. The  
24 nursing home may use self-reported data provided by an employee to  
25 satisfy the requirements of this section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** A new section is added to chapter 18.20  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, assisted  
29 living facilities licensed under this chapter must report the number  
30 of individuals employed by the facility and physically working at the  
31 facility who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state other  
32 than Washington to the nursing care quality assurance commission. The  
33 assisted living facility may use self-reported data provided by an  
34 employee to satisfy the requirements of this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** A new section is added to chapter 70.127  
36 RCW to read as follows:

1       Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, hospice  
2 care centers licensed under this chapter must report the number of  
3 individuals employed by the center and physically working at the  
4 center who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state other  
5 than Washington to the nursing care quality assurance commission. The  
6 hospice care center may use self-reported data provided by an  
7 employee to satisfy the requirements of this section.

8       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 23.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10       Beginning September 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, adult  
11 family homes licensed under this chapter must report the number of  
12 individuals employed by the home and physically working at the home  
13 who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state other than  
14 Washington to the nursing care quality assurance commission. The  
15 adult family home may use self-reported data provided by an employee  
16 to satisfy the requirements of this section.

17       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 24.** Sections 1 through 12 of this act  
18 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW."

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19       On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "compact;" strike the  
20 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.79.030; reenacting  
21 and amending RCW 18.130.040; adding new sections to chapter 18.79  
22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW; adding a new section  
23 to chapter 71.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.230 RCW;  
24 adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW; adding a new section to  
25 chapter 18.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.127 RCW; adding  
26 a new section to chapter 70.128 RCW; and adding a new chapter to  
27 Title 18 RCW."

EFFECT: Changes the requirement for facilities to report the  
number of nurses employed at the facility holding a compact license

from quarterly to annually, and allows facilities to use self-reported data provided by the employee to satisfy the requirement.

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