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**SENATE BILL 06-020**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT, AND**  
102 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Directs the governor to enter into a nurse licensure compact ("compact") with other states to allow licensed nurses to exercise a multistate licensure privilege in other states that have also adopted the compact ("party states"). Approves and ratifies the compact developed by the national council of state boards of nursing.

The compact:

States that a license to practice nursing issued by a home

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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state to a state resident will be recognized by party states. In order to obtain or retain a license, all applicable home state requirements must be met.

Allows a party state to limit the multistate licensure privilege of any nurse to practice in such party state. Requires notification to the coordinated licensure information system of any adverse actions. Requires nurses to comply with the state laws in which they are practicing and subjects them to that state's jurisdiction. Does not limit applications for licensure in a party state, but provides that such license will not be recognized by other party states unless explicitly agreed to by that state.

Requires a party state to ascertain whether a license applicant holds a license in another state and whether any adverse actions have been taken by another state against that applicant. Allows nurse licensure to be held in only one party state at a time. Allows issuance of a new license in another party state only with a proven change of residence.

Requires adverse actions and investigations to be reported through the coordinated licensure information system. Grants authority to a party state to complete investigations for a nurse who changes primary state residence during an investigation. Requires the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system to notify the new home state of any adverse action. Allows a party state to take action affecting the practice within that state, but allows only a home state to take action against a license it issues. Requires a home state to consider conduct reported from another state and apply its own laws to determine appropriate action. Allows participation in an alternative program in lieu of licensure action.

Authorizes a party state's nurse licensing board to recover costs of investigations from affected nurses, issue subpoenas for hearings and investigations, issue cease and desist orders to limit or revoke nursing licenses, and promulgate rules.

Requires party states to participate in the creation of a coordinated database to include information on all nurse participants, including licensure information, disciplinary history, any adverse actions, and any current investigative information. Imposes certain confidentiality standards for such information.

Designates the head of each party state's nurse licensing board or his or her designee as the administrator of the

compact for his or her state. Requires each compact administrator to provide information to other party states. Authorizes the compact administrator to develop uniform rules to be adopted by other party states. Makes provisions for withdrawal from the compact, amendments to the compact, severability of provisions, and dispute resolution.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 12-38-103 (8), (11), and (13), Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, are amended to read:

4 **12-38-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6 (8) "Practical nurse", "trained practical nurse", "licensed  
7 vocational nurse", or "licensed practical nurse" means a person who holds  
8 a license to practice pursuant to the provisions of this article as a licensed  
9 practical nurse in this state OR IS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE AND IS  
10 PRACTICING IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-60-3202, C.R.S.,  
11 with the right to use the title "licensed practical nurse" and its  
12 abbreviation, "L.P.N.".

13 (11) "Registered nurse" or "registered professional nurse" means  
14 a professional nurse, and only a person who holds a license to practice  
15 professional nursing in this state pursuant to the provisions of this article  
16 OR WHO HOLDS A LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE AND IS PRACTICING IN THIS  
17 STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-60-3202, C.R.S., shall have the right to  
18 use the title "registered nurse" and its abbreviation, "R.N.".

19 (13) "Unauthorized practice" means the practice of practical  
20 nursing or the practice of professional nursing by any person who has not  
21 been issued a license under the provisions of this article, OR IS NOT  
22 PRACTICING IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-60-3202, C.R.S., or

1 whose license has been suspended or revoked or has expired.

2 **SECTION 2.** 12-38-108, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **12-38-108. Powers and duties of the board.** (4) THE BOARD  
5 SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT  
6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-60-3202, C.R.S. BEFORE RECOGNIZING A  
7 NURSE LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE THAT IS PARTY TO THE NURSE  
8 LICENSURE COMPACT, THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THAT SUCH STATE'S  
9 QUALIFICATIONS FOR A NURSING LICENSE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY  
10 EQUIVALENT TO OR MORE STRINGENT THAN THE MINIMUM  
11 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF A COLORADO LICENSE UNDER THIS  
12 ARTICLE.

13 **SECTION 3.** Article 60 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

15 **PART 32**

16 **NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT**

17 **24-60-3201. Short title.** THIS PART 32 SHALL BE KNOWN AND  
18 MAY BE CITED AS THE "NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT".

19 **24-60-3202. Compact approved and ratified.** THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY HEREBY APPROVES AND RATIFIES AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
21 ENTER INTO A COMPACT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF COLORADO WITH  
22 ANY OF THE UNITED STATES OR OTHER JURISDICTIONS LEGALLY JOINING  
23 THEREIN IN THE FORM AS SUBSTANTIALLY FOLLOWS:

24 **ARTICLE I**

25 **Declaration and Purpose**

26 a. THE PARTY STATES FIND THAT:

27 1. THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC ARE AFFECTED BY THE

1 DEGREE OF COMPLIANCE WITH AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENFORCEMENT  
2 ACTIVITIES RELATED TO STATE NURSE LICENSURE LAWS;

3 2. VIOLATIONS OF NURSE LICENSURE AND OTHER LAWS  
4 REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR HARM  
5 TO THE PUBLIC;

6 3. THE EXPANDED MOBILITY OF NURSES AND THE USE OF  
7 ADVANCED COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AS PART OF OUR NATION'S  
8 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM REQUIRE GREATER COORDINATION AND  
9 COOPERATION AMONG STATES IN THE AREAS OF NURSE LICENSURE AND  
10 REGULATION;

11 4. NEW PRACTICE MODALITIES AND TECHNOLOGY MAKE  
12 COMPLIANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL STATE NURSE LICENSURE LAWS DIFFICULT  
13 AND COMPLEX;

14 5. THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF DUPLICATIVE LICENSURE FOR NURSES  
15 PRACTICING IN MULTIPLE STATES IS CUMBERSOME AND REDUNDANT TO  
16 BOTH NURSES AND STATES.

17 b. THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT ARE TO:

18 1. FACILITATE THE STATES' RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE  
19 PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY;

20 2. ENSURE AND ENCOURAGE THE COOPERATION OF PARTY STATES  
21 IN THE AREAS OF NURSE LICENSURE AND REGULATION;

22 3. FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN PARTY  
23 STATES IN THE AREAS OF NURSE REGULATION, INVESTIGATION, AND  
24 ADVERSE ACTIONS;

25 4. PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS GOVERNING THE  
26 PRACTICE OF NURSING IN EACH JURISDICTION;

27 5. INVEST ALL PARTY STATES WITH THE AUTHORITY TO HOLD A

1 NURSE ACCOUNTABLE FOR MEETING ALL STATE PRACTICE LAWS IN THE  
2 STATE IN WHICH THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME CARE IS RENDERED  
3 THROUGH THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PARTY STATE LICENSES.

## 4 **ARTICLE II**

### 5 **Definitions**

6 AS USED IN THIS COMPACT:

7 a. "ADVERSE ACTION" MEANS A HOME OR REMOTE STATE ACTION.

8 b. "ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM" MEANS A VOLUNTARY,  
9 NONDISCIPLINARY MONITORING PROGRAM APPROVED BY A NURSE  
10 LICENSING BOARD.

11 c. "COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM" MEANS AN  
12 INTEGRATED PROCESS FOR COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING  
13 INFORMATION ON NURSE LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES  
14 RELATED TO NURSE LICENSURE LAWS, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY A  
15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF AND CONTROLLED BY STATE  
16 NURSE LICENSING BOARDS.

17 d. "CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION" MEANS:

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

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

27 e. "HOME STATE" MEANS THE PARTY STATE THAT IS THE NURSE'S

1 PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE.

2 f. "HOME STATE ACTION" MEANS ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL,  
3 EQUITABLE, OR CRIMINAL ACTION PERMITTED BY THE HOME STATE'S LAWS  
4 THAT IS IMPOSED ON A NURSE BY THE HOME STATE'S LICENSING BOARD OR  
5 OTHER AUTHORITY INCLUDING ACTIONS AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL'S  
6 LICENSE SUCH AS: REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, PROBATION, OR ANY OTHER  
7 ACTION THAT AFFECTS A NURSE'S AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE.

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

10 h. "MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE" MEANS CURRENT,  
11 OFFICIAL AUTHORITY FROM A REMOTE STATE PERMITTING THE PRACTICE  
12 OF NURSING AS EITHER A REGISTERED NURSE OR A LICENSED  
13 PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE IN SUCH PARTY STATE. ALL PARTY  
14 STATES HAVE THE AUTHORITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING STATE DUE  
15 PROCESS LAW, TO TAKE ACTIONS AGAINST THE NURSE'S PRIVILEGE SUCH  
16 AS: REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, PROBATION, OR ANY OTHER ACTION THAT  
17 AFFECTS A NURSE'S AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE.

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

21 j. "PARTY STATE" MEANS ANY STATE THAT HAS ADOPTED THIS  
22 COMPACT.

23 k. "REMOTE STATE" MEANS A PARTY STATE, OTHER THAN THE  
24 HOME STATE:

25 1. WHERE THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME NURSING CARE IS  
26 PROVIDED; OR

27 2. IN THE CASE OF THE PRACTICE OF NURSING NOT INVOLVING A

1 PATIENT, IN SUCH PARTY STATE WHERE THE RECIPIENT OF NURSING  
2 PRACTICE IS LOCATED.

3 1. "REMOTE STATE ACTION" MEANS:

4 1. ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, EQUITABLE, OR CRIMINAL ACTION  
5 PERMITTED BY A REMOTE STATE'S LAWS THAT IS IMPOSED ON A NURSE BY  
6 THE REMOTE STATE'S LICENSING BOARD OR OTHER AUTHORITY, INCLUDING  
7 ACTIONS AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL'S MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO  
8 PRACTICE IN THE REMOTE STATE; AND

9 2. CEASE AND DESIST AND OTHER INJUNCTIVE OR EQUITABLE  
10 ORDERS ISSUED BY REMOTE STATES OR THE LICENSING BOARDS THEREOF.

11 m. "STATE" MEANS A STATE, TERRITORY, OR POSSESSION OF THE  
12 UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE COMMONWEALTH  
13 OF PUERTO RICO.

14 n. "STATE PRACTICE LAWS" MEANS THOSE INDIVIDUAL PARTY'S  
15 STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE PRACTICE OF NURSING,  
16 DEFINE THE SCOPE OF NURSING PRACTICE, AND CREATE THE METHODS AND  
17 GROUNDS FOR IMPOSING DISCIPLINE.

18 o. "STATE PRACTICE LAWS" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE INITIAL  
19 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OR REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO  
20 OBTAIN AND RETAIN A LICENSE, EXCEPT FOR QUALIFICATIONS OR  
21 REQUIREMENTS OF THE HOME STATE.

## 22 **ARTICLE III**

### 23 **General Provisions and Jurisdiction**

24 a. A LICENSE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING ISSUED BY A  
25 HOME STATE TO A RESIDENT IN THAT STATE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY EACH  
26 PARTY STATE AS AUTHORIZING A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO  
27 PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN SUCH PARTY STATE. A LICENSE TO



1 PRACTICE LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSING ISSUED BY A HOME  
2 STATE TO A RESIDENT IN THAT STATE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY EACH  
3 PARTY STATE AS AUTHORIZING A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO  
4 PRACTICE AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSE IN SUCH PARTY  
5 STATE. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT MUST  
6 MEET THE HOME STATE'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND LICENSE  
7 RENEWAL AS WELL AS ALL OTHER APPLICABLE STATE LAWS.

8 b. PARTY STATES MAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE DUE PROCESS  
9 LAWS, LIMIT OR REVOKE THE MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE OF ANY  
10 NURSE TO PRACTICE IN THEIR STATE AND MAY TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS  
11 UNDER THEIR APPLICABLE STATE LAWS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE  
12 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THEIR CITIZENS. IF A PARTY STATE TAKES SUCH  
13 ACTION, IT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
14 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATOR  
15 OF THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM SHALL PROMPTLY  
16 NOTIFY THE HOME STATE OF ANY SUCH ACTIONS BY REMOTE STATES.

17 c. EVERY NURSE PRACTICING IN A PARTY STATE MUST COMPLY  
18 WITH THE STATE PRACTICE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE PATIENT IS  
19 LOCATED AT THE TIME CARE IS RENDERED. IN ADDITION, THE PRACTICE OF  
20 NURSING IS NOT LIMITED TO PATIENT CARE, BUT SHALL INCLUDE ALL  
21 NURSING PRACTICE AS DEFINED BY THE STATE PRACTICE LAWS OF A PARTY  
22 STATE. THE PRACTICE OF NURSING WILL SUBJECT A NURSE TO THE  
23 JURISDICTION OF THE NURSE LICENSING BOARD AND THE COURTS, AS WELL  
24 AS THE LAWS, IN THAT PARTY STATE.

25 d. THIS COMPACT DOES NOT AFFECT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS  
26 IMPOSED BY STATES FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING.  
27 HOWEVER, A MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED

1 NURSING GRANTED BY A PARTY STATE SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY OTHER  
2 PARTY STATES AS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING IF ONE IS  
3 REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AS A PRECONDITION FOR QUALIFYING FOR  
4 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AUTHORIZATION.

5 e. INDIVIDUALS NOT RESIDING IN A PARTY STATE SHALL CONTINUE  
6 TO BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR NURSE LICENSURE AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE  
7 LAWS OF EACH PARTY STATE. HOWEVER, THE LICENSE GRANTED TO THESE  
8 INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS GRANTING THE PRIVILEGE TO  
9 PRACTICE NURSING IN ANY OTHER PARTY STATE UNLESS EXPLICITLY  
10 AGREED TO BY THAT PARTY STATE.

#### 11 **ARTICLE IV**

##### 12 **Applications for Licensure in a Party State**

13 a. UPON APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, THE LICENSING BOARD IN A  
14 PARTY STATE SHALL ASCERTAIN, THROUGH THE COORDINATED LICENSURE  
15 INFORMATION SYSTEM, WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS EVER HELD, OR IS  
16 THE HOLDER OF, A LICENSE ISSUED BY ANY OTHER STATE, WHETHER THERE  
17 ARE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE, AND  
18 WHETHER ANY OTHER ADVERSE ACTION BY ANY STATE HAS BEEN TAKEN  
19 AGAINST THE LICENSE.

20 b. A NURSE IN A PARTY STATE SHALL HOLD LICENSURE IN ONLY  
21 ONE PARTY STATE AT A TIME, ISSUED BY THE HOME STATE.

22 c. A NURSE WHO INTENDS TO CHANGE PRIMARY STATE OF  
23 RESIDENCE MAY APPLY FOR LICENSURE IN THE NEW HOME STATE IN  
24 ADVANCE OF SUCH CHANGE. HOWEVER, NEW LICENSES WILL NOT BE  
25 ISSUED BY A PARTY STATE UNTIL AFTER A NURSE PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF  
26 CHANGE IN PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE NEW  
27 HOME STATE'S LICENSING BOARD.



1 AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE ANY PENDING INVESTIGATIONS FOR A NURSE  
2 WHO CHANGES PRIMARY STATE OF RESIDENCE DURING THE COURSE OF  
3 SUCH INVESTIGATIONS. IT SHALL ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE  
4 APPROPRIATE ACTION AND SHALL PROMPTLY REPORT THE CONCLUSIONS  
5 OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COORDINATED  
6 LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
7 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY  
8 THE NEW HOME STATE OF ANY SUCH ACTIONS.

9 c. A REMOTE STATE MAY TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AFFECTING THE  
10 MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE WITHIN THAT PARTY  
11 STATE. HOWEVER, ONLY THE HOME STATE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO  
12 IMPOSE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST THE LICENSE ISSUED BY THE HOME  
13 STATE.

14 d. FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSING ADVERSE ACTION, THE LICENSING  
15 BOARD OF THE HOME STATE SHALL GIVE THE SAME PRIORITY AND EFFECT  
16 TO REPORTED CONDUCT RECEIVED FROM A REMOTE STATE AS IT WOULD IF  
17 SUCH CONDUCT HAD OCCURRED WITHIN THE HOME STATE. IN SO DOING,  
18 IT SHALL APPLY ITS OWN STATE LAWS TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE  
19 ACTION.

20 e. THE HOME STATE MAY TAKE ADVERSE ACTION BASED ON THE  
21 FACTUAL FINDINGS OF THE REMOTE STATE, SO LONG AS EACH STATE  
22 FOLLOWS ITS OWN PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING SUCH ADVERSE ACTION.

23 f. NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL OVERRIDE A PARTY STATE'S  
24 DECISION THAT PARTICIPATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM MAY BE  
25 USED IN LIEU OF LICENSURE ACTION AND THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION SHALL  
26 REMAIN NONPUBLIC IF REQUIRED BY THE PARTY STATE'S LAWS. PARTY  
27 STATES MUST REQUIRE NURSES WHO ENTER ANY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

1 TO AGREE NOT TO PRACTICE IN ANY OTHER PARTY STATE DURING THE  
2 TERM OF THE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION  
3 FROM SUCH OTHER PARTY STATE.

4 **ARTICLE VI**

5 **Additional Authorities Invested in**  
6 **Party State Nurse Licensing Boards**

7 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER POWERS, PARTY STATE NURSE  
8 LICENSING BOARDS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO:

9 a. IF OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY STATE LAW, RECOVER FROM THE  
10 AFFECTED NURSE THE COSTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND DISPOSITION OF  
11 CASES RESULTING FROM ANY ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THAT  
12 NURSE;

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

25 c. ISSUE CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS TO LIMIT OR REVOKE A  
26 NURSE'S AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE IN THEIR STATE;

27 d. PROMULGATE UNIFORM RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PROVIDED

1 FOR IN ARTICLE VIII (c).

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## ARTICLE VII

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### **Coordinated Licensure Information System**

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a. ALL PARTY STATES SHALL PARTICIPATE IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO CREATE A COORDINATED DATA BASE OF ALL LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL/VOCATIONAL NURSES. THIS SYSTEM WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF EACH NURSE, AS CONTRIBUTED BY PARTY STATES, TO ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION OF NURSE LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.

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b. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ALL PARTY STATES' LICENSING BOARDS SHALL PROMPTLY REPORT ADVERSE ACTIONS, ACTIONS AGAINST MULTISTATE LICENSURE PRIVILEGES, ANY CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION YET TO RESULT IN ADVERSE ACTION, DENIALS OF APPLICATIONS, AND THE REASONS FOR SUCH DENIALS TO THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

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c. CURRENT SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM ONLY TO PARTY STATE LICENSING BOARDS.

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

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e. ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY A PARTY STATE'S LICENSING BOARD FROM THE COORDINATED LICENSURE

1 INFORMATION SYSTEM MAY NOT BE SHARED WITH NONPARTY STATES OR  
2 DISCLOSED TO OTHER ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT  
3 PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE PARTY STATE CONTRIBUTING THE  
4 INFORMATION.

5 f. ANY INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED TO THE COORDINATED  
6 LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED TO  
7 BE EXPUNGED BY THE LAWS OF THE PARTY STATE CONTRIBUTING THAT  
8 INFORMATION, SHALL ALSO BE EXPUNGED FROM THE COORDINATED  
9 LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

10 g. THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS, ACTING JOINTLY WITH EACH  
11 OTHER AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
12 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM, SHALL FORMULATE  
13 NECESSARY AND PROPER PROCEDURES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION,  
14 COLLECTION, AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION UNDER THIS COMPACT.

## 15 **ARTICLE VIII**

### 16 **Compact Administration and Interchange of Information**

17 a. THE HEAD OF THE NURSE LICENSING BOARD, OR HIS OR HER  
18 DESIGNEE, OF EACH PARTY STATE SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THIS  
19 COMPACT FOR HIS OR HER STATE.

20 b. THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH PARTY STATE SHALL  
21 FURNISH TO THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH OTHER PARTY STATE  
22 ANY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A  
23 UNIFORM DATA SET OF INVESTIGATIONS, IDENTIFYING INFORMATION,  
24 LICENSURE DATA, AND DISCLOSABLE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM  
25 PARTICIPATION INFORMATION TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
26 THIS COMPACT.

27 c. COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO

1 DEVELOP UNIFORM RULES TO FACILITATE AND COORDINATE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS COMPACT. THESE UNIFORM RULES SHALL BE  
3 ADOPTED BY PARTY STATES, UNDER THE AUTHORITY INVESTED UNDER  
4 ARTICLE VI (d).

## 5 **ARTICLE IX**

### 6 **Immunity**

7 NO PARTY STATE OR THE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS OF A  
8 PARTY STATE'S NURSE LICENSING BOARD WHO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
9 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL BE LIABLE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY  
10 ACT OR OMISSION IN GOOD FAITH WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE  
11 OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER THIS COMPACT. GOOD FAITH IN THIS ARTICLE  
12 SHALL NOT INCLUDE WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OR  
13 RECKLESSNESS.

## 14 **ARTICLE X**

### 15 **Entry into Force, Withdrawal and Amendment**

16 a. THIS COMPACT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE AND BECOME  
17 EFFECTIVE AS TO ANY STATE WHEN IT HAS BEEN ENACTED INTO THE LAWS  
18 OF THAT STATE. ANY PARTY STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT  
19 BY ENACTING A STATUTE REPEALING THE SAME, BUT NO SUCH  
20 WITHDRAWAL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL SIX MONTHS AFTER THE  
21 WITHDRAWING STATE HAS GIVEN NOTICE OF THE WITHDRAWAL TO THE  
22 EXECUTIVE HEADS OF ALL OTHER PARTY STATES.

23 b. NO WITHDRAWAL SHALL AFFECT THE VALIDITY OR  
24 APPLICABILITY BY THE LICENSING BOARDS OF STATES REMAINING PARTY  
25 TO THE COMPACT OF ANY REPORT OF ADVERSE ACTION OCCURRING PRIOR  
26 TO THE WITHDRAWAL.

27 c. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED



1 TO INVALIDATE OR PREVENT ANY NURSE LICENSURE AGREEMENT OR  
2 OTHER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A PARTY STATE AND A  
3 NONPARTY STATE THAT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OTHER  
4 PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.

5 d. THIS COMPACT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE PARTY STATES. NO  
6 AMENDMENT TO THIS COMPACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND BINDING  
7 UPON THE PARTY STATES UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS ENACTED INTO THE LAWS  
8 OF ALL PARTY STATES.

9 **ARTICLE XI**

10 **Construction and Severability**

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

25 b. IN THE EVENT PARTY STATES FIND A NEED FOR SETTLING  
26 DISPUTES ARISING UNDER THIS COMPACT:

27 1. THE PARTY STATES MAY SUBMIT THE ISSUES IN DISPUTE TO AN

1 ARBITRATION PANEL THAT WILL BE COMPRISED OF AN INDIVIDUAL  
2 APPOINTED BY THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE HOME STATE; AN  
3 INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE REMOTE  
4 STATE OR STATES INVOLVED; AND AN INDIVIDUAL MUTUALLY AGREED  
5 UPON BY THE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS OF ALL THE PARTY STATES  
6 INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE.

7 2. THE DECISION OF A MAJORITY OF THE ARBITRATORS SHALL BE  
8 FINAL AND BINDING.

9 **SECTION 4.** 24-34-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
10 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

11 **24-34-102. Division of registrations - creation - duties of**  
12 **division and department heads - definitions - license, registration, or**  
13 **certification renewal and reinstatement.** (4.5) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE  
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE EMPLOYEES AUTHORIZED IN S.B. 06-20,  
15 ENACTED BY THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "NURSE LICENSURE  
17 COMPACT", PART 32 OF ARTICLE 60 OF THIS TITLE, BE FUNDED ONLY FOR  
18 THE FISCAL YEARS 2006-2007 AND 2007-2008. THE SALARIES TO BE PAID  
19 SUCH EMPLOYEES SHALL BE WITHIN THE APPROPRIATION MADE BY THE  
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR SUCH FISCAL YEARS.

21 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other  
22 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
23 division of registrations cash fund created in section 24-34-105 (2) (b) (I),  
24 Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department  
25 of regulatory agencies, for allocation to the executive director's office, for  
26 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of ten thousand three  
27 hundred twelve dollars (\$10,312), or so much thereof as may be

1 necessary, for the implementation of this act.

2 (2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby  
3 appropriated, out of any moneys in the division of registrations cash fund  
4 created in section 24-34-105 (2) (b) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, not  
5 otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory agencies, for  
6 allocation to the division of registrations, for the board of nursing, for the  
7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of [redacted] three hundred  
8 seventeen thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars (\$317,149), and 2.0  
9 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of  
10 this act.

11 (3) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby  
12 appropriated to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July  
13 1, 2006, the sum of ten thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$10,312),  
14 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the provision of legal  
15 services to the department of regulatory agencies related to the  
16 implementation of this act. Said sum shall be from cash funds exempt  
17 received from the [redacted] out of the  
18 appropriation made in subsection (1) of this section.

19 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.