

Proposed Changes to the NM Nursing Practice Act

- ✓ Added requirements for RN Compact:
 - Any RN or LPN practicing in NM under the multistate privilege shall register with the NM Board of Nursing within 30 days. The BON shall create and maintain an online registration process at no cost to participants;
 - Nursing faculty and adjunct faculty practicing in pre-licensure approved programs for nursing shall hold a NM state nursing license;
 - The State of New Mexico shall own any and all data generated by the NM Board of Nursing licensure data base or contract data base;
 - RNs and LPNs practicing in the State of NM under the multistate privilege shall meet the requisite continuing education and professional development requirements of RNs and LPNs in NM and submit proof to the BON as required by in-state nurses;
 - Add language that passed the 2018 Legislature and was vetoed by the governor that requires all rules passed by the Compact Administrators that affect the practice of nursing in NM to be adopted by the BON in NM. All agendas, minutes, reports and rulemaking records of the Compact Commission shall be filed by the Administrator with the BON subject to the Inspection of Public Records Act; and
 - RNs and LPNs who declare New Mexico as their home state of licensure shall opt IN should they choose to practice with the multi-state privilege; otherwise, single state licenses will be provided upon initial licensure and renewal within the State of NM.
- ✓ Changes to the BON – Increase number of nurses to five; reduce public members to two. At least two members of the board shall be advance practice nurses; public members cannot be licensed in another health care profession.
- ✓ CRNA update – change interdependent to independent and collaborative (as already done in the BON Rules)
- ✓ Sedation – change statute to match rules allowing RNs to administer conscious sedation with additional education and training.