

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24067

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact adopted as amended in 2015 by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The APRN Compact provides the mechanism for member states to mutually recognize APRN licenses, thereby alleviating the need for APRNs to hold multiple licenses. The APRN Compact is an interstate compact modeled after the Nurse Licensure Compact that will allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to hold one license issued by the primary state of residence that grants the privilege to practice as an APRN in other APRN Compact member states, both physically and via technology. The APRN Compact complements the Nurse Licensure Compact for LPNs and RNs, of which Idaho is currently a member. The APRN Compact incorporates the positive elements of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, to include:

- Common language and format.
- Clarity in the role of the Compact governing commission.
- Grandfathering provisions for currently licensed APRNs in each member state.
- Rulemaking procedures.
- Enforcement provisions.

Adoption of the Compact will increase patient access to qualified APRNs licensed in another state who choose to practice, either physically or electronically, in another Compact-member state.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have a minimal fiscal impact to the Board of Nursing at the time of Compact implementation. The Board of Nursing anticipates an annual fee to belong to the Compact governing body (projected to be similar to that of the Nurse Licensure Compact, which is currently \$6,000 per year), resources necessary to inform and educate stakeholders and licensees, and costs for revision of licensure software to support compact processes. The Board of Nursing will seek additional dedicated fund spending authority in a future year when these costs are realized.

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