



Revised Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact

The Minnesota Nurses Association opposes any bill that would remove necessary regulatory oversight of nursing practice, and erode the quality of healthcare for Minnesotans

OPPOSE the Revised National Nurse Licensure Compact (SF 3305 / HF 3848)

The Minnesota Nurses Association opposes the revised Interstate Nurses Licensure Compact. Some of the specific objections of the MNA Board include:

- The Compact would significantly erode Minnesota's state sovereignty by creating an Interstate Commission with broad implementation and enforcement power. This takes control the regulation of nursing practice out of the hands of Minnesotans and cedes it to a multi-state commission.
- The Compact would prevent the BON from requiring Compact nurses practicing in Minnesota to follow Minnesota's continuing education requirements.
- Nurses who do not follow Minnesota's Nurse Practice Act would not be overseen by the Minnesota Board of Nursing (BON). The BON would not even know which nurses are practicing within the state.
- The Compact could subject nurses to multiple disciplinary actions arising from the same incident—a due process concern.
- The Board of Nursing would lose revenue from any nurses currently licensed in multiple states and therefore likely need to raise fees for Minnesota nurses.
- The Compact would make it easier for Minnesota hospitals to hire unqualified nurses during labor strikes and impact patient safety and quality of care.

Talking Points for the Bill:

- *Minnesota Nurses are **skilled professionals** with some of the **highest standards** for licensure and continuing education in the country.*
- *Adopting the Nurse Compact is not the way to build Minnesota's nursing workforce. We need investments in programs that will have a direct effect on improving workforce supply and distribution.*
- *The compact **pushes the line of safety** as the BON will lose its ability to know which nurses are practicing in Minnesota.*
- ***There are two Nurse Compact bills that may be introduced this session. The Interstate Nurse License Compact, which impacts RN's and LPN's; and the APRN Compact, which only impacts Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. MNA remains opposed the Interstate Nurse License Compact. MNA currently has no position on the APRN Compact, which means we will neither advocate for or against it. You may need to make that distinction clear if asked a question by a legislator.***