



Nurses shaping  
the future of  
healthcare

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Chair Julie Rosen  
Minnesota State Senate Finance Committee  
2113 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Rosen and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I have worked with the Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing (MOLN) to support enactment of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) legislation since 2011. As an organization committed to supporting the development of professional practice and leadership in Minnesota nurses, MOLN is proud to continue advocating for SF 2302 to enact the NLC in Minnesota.

The NLC provides critical licensing structure updates that support the professional nursing practice. Almost half of the nurses practicing in Minnesota no longer work in hospitals, supporting patients through home visits, clinic settings, schools, and digital health platforms. These professional care models extend to patients across state borders which requires either additional licensure or a practice compact. The NLC provides a ready model to support these practices that are embraced by 39 other states and jurisdictions.

The practice of nursing continues to become more specialized. There are over 180 professional nursing certifications available today. Nurses dedicate time and focused attention to achieve specialty certification that supports giving the best possible care to their patients. A certified nurse is invaluable to patients requiring their specialized knowledge and training. The NLC removes barriers that prevent a nurse from providing their practice expertise to patients in neighboring locations.

The NLC supports Minnesota academic institutions working to meet the increasing demand for trained nurses. To provide sufficient clinical exposure for nursing students, our border schools partner with health care organizations across state lines. Nurse educators must be licensed in the state where they are teaching. The NLC reduces administrative and cost burden to academic organizations that are already working with constrained budgets.

Overall, health care is ever-changing and requires flexibility for nurses to quickly adapt to these changes. The NLC supports continued safe practice while allowing nurses to focus their attention where it belongs, on their patients. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions that you may have.

Respectfully,

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