

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

HB 1061 — Nurse Licensure Compact

by Rep. Pigman and others (CS/SB 1316 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Grimsley)

The bill authorizes Florida to enter the revised Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), a multi-state agreement that establishes a mutual recognition system for the licensure of registered nurses and licensed practical or vocational nurses. The bill enacts the NLC into law, which is a prerequisite for joining the compact.

A nurse who is issued a multi-state license from a state that is a party to the NLC is permitted to practice in any state that is also a party to the compact. However, the nurse must comply with the practice laws of the state in which he or she is practicing or where the patient is located. A party state may continue to issue a single-state license, authorizing practice only in that state.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect December 31, 2018, or upon enactment of the Nurse Licensure Compact into law by 26 states, whichever occurs first.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 111-1