



## OVERVIEW

- Legislation:** [SB 67](#) and [HB 14](#) Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact
- Position:** ASHNHA supports the nurse licensure compact to reduce barriers to licensure, address nursing workforce shortages, and improve patient care.
- Bill Summary:** Seeks to streamline the licensure and regulation of nurses by allowing Alaska to join a multistate compact that consists of a single nursing license with uniform qualifications and practice expectations that can be used in any member state. Thirty-four other states participate.

## How Does the Nurse Licensure Compact Benefit Alaska?

### Improve Access to Care and Patient Safety

- Helps reduce nurse workforce shortages and expands access to nursing services quickly and efficiently, which is essential for the health of many rural and underserved communities.
- Fully staffed clinics and shifts assist our members in maintaining stable patient centered care teams.
- Adequate staffing reduces nursing stress.

### Telehealth

- Enables Alaska nurses to practice in-person or provide telehealth nursing services to patients located across the country without having to obtain additional licenses.
- Allows nurse educators from Alaska to teach online courses to nursing students in other states.

### Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief

- Allows nurses to quickly and easily provide nursing services in Alaska in response to disasters such as pandemics and natural disasters such as earthquakes and mass casualty events.

### Military Families

- Allows military spouse nurses to seamlessly continue working without having to obtain a new license each time they relocate.

### Cost Effective and Efficient

- Avoids delays to the licensing process and allows nurses to get to work quickly and efficiently.
- Eliminates redundant, duplicative regulatory processes and unnecessary fees.
- Allows nurses who do not wish to have a multistate license or those who are ineligible for a multistate license to still obtain a single state license based on Alaska's requirements and statutes.
- Nurses with a state or federal felony convictions are ineligible for multistate license.

ALASKA NURSE  
LICENSURE  
COMPACT  
SURVEY  
RESULTS

3,573

nurses completed  
the 2019 Alaska  
Compact Survey!

92% of all respondents are in favor of joining the Nurse Licensure Compact.

89% of Alaskan resident nurses are in favor of joining the compact.

87% of the nurses would apply for a compact nurse license if available.