

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2017**

RESOLUTION NO. 76—2017-18

ROLL CALL to adopt & lock in. RESOLUTION NO. 76—2017-18 IS ADOPTED & LOCKED IN.

RollCall-Pro Advanced Tuesday, October 24, 2017					
1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	Absent
3. GRADY	YES	15. VANDEN HEUVEL	Absent	27. CULBERTSON	YES
4. PATIENCE	YES	16. LEMANSKI	Absent	28. STURN	YES
5. GABRIELSON	YES	17. CROATT	Absent	29. BUCHMAN	YES
6. FOSS	YES	18. SPEARS	YES	30. GRIESBACH	YES
7. HAMMEN	YES	19. STUECK	YES	31. CLEGG	YES
8. T. KRUEGER	YES	20. THOMAS	YES	32. VANDERHEIDEN	YES
9. J. KRUEGER	YES	21. THYSSEN	YES	O'CONNOR-SCHEVERS	YES
10. LAMERS	YES	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	YES
11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 29		Passed (32 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 4 Absent)		Majority Vote >	

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RESOLUTION NO. 76—2017-18

Supervisor Gabrielson moved, seconded by Supervisor Spears, to reconsider the resolution for the purpose of lock-in.

ROLL CALL to reconsider. RESOLUTION NO. 76—2017-18 IS RECONSIDERED.

RollCall-Pro Advanced Tuesday, October 24, 2017					
1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	Absent
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10. LAMERS	YES	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	YES
11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 28		Passed (32 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 4 Absent)		Majority Vote >	

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OCTOBER 24, 2017**

RESOLUTION NO. 76—2017-18

Supervisor Gabrielson moved, seconded by Supervisor Foss, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 76—2017-18 IS ADOPTED.

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1. THOMPSON	YES	13. WEGAND	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. MILLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	Absent
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11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 27		Passed (32 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 4 Absent)		Majority Vote >	

RESOLUTION NO.: 76—2017-18

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Legislation has been introduced which ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Enhanced
2 Nurse Licensure Compact. The enhanced compact replaced the original Nurse Licensure
3 Compact, which was ratified in Wisconsin in 1999. Under both versions of the compact,
4 a nurse, whether a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, who is licensed in a state
5 that has adopted the compact may practice in any other party state without needing to
6 separately obtain a license in that other party state. The Enhanced Nurse Licensure
7 Compact extends the time limit for emergency rule procedures, and providing an
8 exemption from emergency rule procedures.
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10 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services Committee
11 recommend adoption of the following resolution.

12 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does support proposed
13 legislation which ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, and

14 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
15 of this resolution to the Health & Human Services Director, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for
16 distribution to Governor Walker, the Legislature, and Wisconsin Counties Association.
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18 Dated this 24th day of October 2017

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21 Respectfully Submitted,

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23 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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Justin Krueger

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Dan Gabrielson
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Cathy Thompson
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Christine Lamers
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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: October 24, 2017

Signed: [Signature]
Board Chairperson

[Signature]
County Clerk

Approved: 10 26 17 Vetoed: _____

Signed: [Signature]
County Executive

LRB 3932/1, the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC), is legislation that updates our current nurse licensure compact statute to maintain Wisconsin's status as a compact state.

The eNLC goes into effect on January 19, 2018. Most members of the current compact have transitioned to the new eNLC and are no longer part of the former NLC.

If Wisconsin does not adopt the new enhanced Compact before the end of 2017, Wisconsin's nurses who currently enjoy the benefits of our current Compact license will be forced to apply for a single-state license in Wisconsin and all other states in which they want to practice, including those that have joined the eNLC. Inaction by the state legislature will create unnecessary red-tape and licensure barriers for nurses interested in serving patients in any of the 26 compact states. Nearly all states that were members of the previous licensure compact have transitioned to the eNLC.

The eNLC provides an opportunity for nurses in Wisconsin to receive a multi-state license and allows nurses from other states to quickly fill vacancies in Wisconsin without receiving a duplicative single-state license. Nearly all Wisconsin nurses currently enjoy the benefits of an interstate license authorized by our compact and will continue to have the benefit of an interstate license under this bill.

This bill will allow Wisconsin to continue offering a voluntary, alternative process to expedite multi-state nurse licensure. As is the case today, the revised version of our current compact – the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact – will not interfere with Wisconsin's ability to hold any nurse practicing in Wisconsin accountable for meeting all Wisconsin nurse practice laws.

Importantly, if Wisconsin enacts the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, nurses already licensed in the compact are grandfathered into the eNLC and can continue to serve patients under their interstate license. This will be particularly important for Iowa-licensed nurses crossing the state border to practice in Wisconsin, for nurses delivering care across state lines via telehealth and for Wisconsin health care organizations utilizing traveling nurses to fill staffing vacancies in rural and urban communities.

The enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact is supported by Wisconsin's Board of Nursing and numerous Wisconsin health care organizations including the Wisconsin Hospital Association, the Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Executives and the Wisconsin Nurses Association. LRB 3932/1 bill was also developed in consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

The Board of Nursing solicited feedback from licensed nurses earlier this year to understand nurse support for maintaining membership in the nurse licensure compact through the eNLC. Of those providing feedback, **98% of nurses responded in support of Wisconsin maintaining its status as a Compact state through the eNLC.**

By maintaining Wisconsin's status as a Compact state, nurses in Wisconsin will continue to benefit from a streamlined licensure process that maintains state control of the regulation and practice of nursing.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill ratifies and enters Wisconsin into the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (enhanced compact). The enhanced compact replaces the original Nurse Licensure Compact (original compact), which was ratified in Wisconsin in 1999.

Under both versions of the compact, a nurse, whether a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, who is licensed in a state that has adopted the compact (party state) may practice in any other party state without needing to separately obtain a license

in that other party state. Significant provisions of the enhanced compact, as compared to the original compact, include all of the following:

1. Under the enhanced compact, party states grant multistate nursing licenses, with the compact setting out minimum qualifications that an applicant must satisfy in order to be granted a multistate license, including that an applicant submit to a

background investigation. Under the enhanced compact, a multistate license is recognized by each party state as authorizing a nurse to practice, under a multistate licensure privilege, in that party state. The enhanced compact also provides that

party states may grant single-state licenses, which authorize practice only within the issuing state. The enhanced compact does not affect the requirements established by a party state for the issuance of a single-state license. Under the original compact, a license issued by a home state to a resident in that state is simply recognized by each other party state as authorizing a multistate licensure privilege to practice in that party state, with the qualifications for obtaining a license to be determined under each party state's laws.

2. The enhanced compact establishes an Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (commission), which consists of the heads of each party state's board that licenses nurses, or their designees. The commission has

various powers and duties granted in the compact, including overseeing the administration of the compact, enforcing the compact, adopting bylaws, promulgating binding rules for the compact, and employing an executive director and employees. Under the original compact, the compact is administered by compact administrators, with the administrator for this state designated as the secretary of safety and professional services or his or her designee.

3. The enhanced compact includes various provisions regarding resolutions of disputes between the commission and party states and between party and nonparty

states. The enhanced compact requires the commission to attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among party states and between party and nonparty states, after which such disputes would be handed through arbitration.

Under the original compact, disputes are simply to be handled through arbitration.

4. The enhanced compact includes a process for termination of a party state from the compact that has defaulted in the performance of its obligations under the compact. No such provisions are included in the original compact. Pursuant to the terms of the enhanced compact, the enhanced compact became effective in party states that have already enacted it on July 20, 2017, which was the date the enhanced compact was signed into law by a 26th state. The enhanced compact may be further amended upon enactment of an amendment by all member states.

The enhanced compact provides that all party states to the enhanced compact that also were parties to the original compact are deemed to have withdrawn from the original compact within six months after the effective date of the enhanced compact.