

**Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee  
North Dakota Board of Nursing Testimony  
HB1166 Relating to Foreign Practitioners**

Chairman Vedaa and members of the committee. I am Dr. Stacey Pfenning, Executive Director (ED) for the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON).

The NDBON remains neutral on HB1166, but requests to be exempted for the following reasons: 1) potential conflict with the nurse licensure compacts; and 2) processes of HB1166 section 5 are already in ND laws and rules, which may contribute to confusion and disruption in licensing nurses in ND.

North Dakota is a member of nurse licensure compacts which are codified in 43-12.4 and 43-12.5. The NDBON carefully monitors legislation that may potentially impact compliance with these compacts, such as HB1166. As one of the 34 member states of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), ND has experienced significant benefits in the portability of nurse workforce since 2004, this has been exceptionally important over the past 12 months. *See Appendix A for NLC map.*

In addition to the nurse licensure compacts, the ND Administrative Code Sections 54-02-06 *License by Endorsement* and 54-05-03.1 *APRN Standards*, allows for a 90-day temporary/provisional license to expedite workforce into practice safely. Applicants typically receive temporary/provisional permits within 5 days of receipt of application. Full licensure is issued within 5 days upon receipt of a complete application (including the CHRC). The current process is efficient and timely and insures a safe nursing workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of the request to exempt the NDBON from HB1166 to ensure the nursing workforce continues in an uninterrupted manner to serve the public safely and effectively.

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