

HB 2043 -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

SPONSOR: Swan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill codifies changes to the Nurse Licensure Compact adopted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing on May 4, 2015. The new Compact language must become effective and binding on the earlier of these dates:

(1) The date of legislative enactment of this Compact into law by at least 26 states; or

(2) December 31, 2018.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that several states have been hesitant to join the current compact, adopted in 2015, because it does not require fingerprint background checks. Missouri already requires such background checks and this bill would require all other compact states to do so as well.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Swan; Lori Scheidt, Nurse License Compact Administrators; SSM Health Care; and Mo Hospital Assoc.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.