

New Mexico Nurse Practitioner Council



Bill: SB 439/HB 475
Position: OPPOSE

The New Mexico Nurse Practitioner Council (NMNPC) advocates for the approximately 600 nurse practitioner members and the over 5,000 Nurse Practitioners licensed to practice in New Mexico for policies and regulations that protect and enable nurse practitioners to provide accessible and high-quality healthcare.

Compacts are intended to make practicing in one's home state and elsewhere, easier. However, the APRN Compact creates unnecessary burdens. In New Mexico we oppose this bill and oppose any bill across the nation that introduces the APRN compact. NMNPC supports compact legislation generally but with the inability to change the language in the introduced legislation, **NMNPC respectfully requests an unfavorable vote on SB 439/HB 475**. Furthermore when writing this compact NCSBN did not include any APRNs, NMNPC and the AANP reaffirms the position that an APRN Compact must include an APRN advisory committee. Incorporating an APRN advisory committee would ensure that there are readily available resources and needed expertise to address the complexity and variety of practice issues.

NMNPC opposes SB 439/HB 475 for the following reasons:

- The compact would require 2,080 practice hours as a pre-requisite for a multistate APRN Compact license. The inclusion of practice hours is inconsistent with the evidence and is in direct conflict with the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: licensure, accreditation, certification and education, and sets a dangerous precedent.
- This compact will create new barriers to providing care in many states. In contrast to Maryland's allowance of full practice authority for nurse practitioners, the APRN Compact noticeably excludes controlled substances.
- Licensure fees will most certainly shift, and it is unknown how this will impact the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) fiscally and how much the Compact Administration Fee will be. Administratively, the MBON is already over-burdened with work, as is indicated in the long license renewal wait times, and it is unknown what the impact an APRN Compact will have.
- Compact legislation must be voted on as-is. It CANNOT be altered to address our concerns. Neither will add enabling language.

Sincerely,

NMNPC Board of Directors