

S.48

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 1a to read as follows:

Sec. 1a. SECRETARY OF STATE; OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION; REPORT

On or before January 15, 2024, the Office of Professional Regulation shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations and to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government Operations concerning the implementation of 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, subchapter 5, including:

(1) the number of compact licensees and single state licenses issued annually following the adoption of the Nurse Licensure Compact and noting how many of those license fees were paid by a licensee and how many were paid by an employer or other entity on behalf of a licensee;

(2) the resources necessary to implement the Nurse Licensure Compact;

(3) the fiscal impact on the Vermont State Board of Nursing's special fund;

and

(4) if the Office of Professional Regulation determines that implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact has resulted in a reduction of revenue

available to the Vermont Board of Nursing, the Office shall include in its report:

(A) a proposal to manage the reduction through administrative efficiencies;

and

(B) if the Office is not able to manage the reduction in revenue through administrative efficiencies, a proposal to address the reduction through an increase in the license fee for a compact multistate license only.

Second: In Sec. 1, 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, subchapter 5, in section 1648, in subsection (a), in subdivision (2), following “taken against that nurse;” by inserting “and” and by striking out subdivision (a)(3) in its entirety and redesignating subdivision (a)(4) to be subdivision (a)(3)