



**Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation**

**MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSURE COMPACT:
THE COSTS AND BENEFITS FOR VERMONT**



In accordance with 2017, No. 144 (Adj. Sess.), § 19:

The Board of Nursing and the Office of Professional Regulation shall assess the costs and benefits of participation in licensure compacts for nurses at various levels of licensure.

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Figure 5: The loss of licensing revenue as a result of joining the eNLC.

Nurses seeking Vermont-only licenses are likely to see licensing fees increase as these licensees bear a greater proportion of the State licensing administration and enforcement costs. Due to the anticipated revenue loss the Office can forecast that prior to Compact adoption or shortly thereafter the Office will need to see a fee increase in this profession even after the proposed fee increase in the 2019 Legislative Session. See **Figure 6**.

Profession Type	Current Renewal Fee	Proposed Renewal Fee ¹⁰	Renewal Fee Needed to Join eNLC ¹¹
Registered Nurse	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$280
Practical Nurse	\$140.00	\$175.00	\$245

Figure 6: The estimated fee increases for Vermont-only licensees necessary to account for joining the eNLC.

The eNLC may also result in OPR and the Board of Nursing having a decreased awareness of who is practicing nursing in the state. A nurse from another Compact State who chooses to