

(H) "MULTISTATE LICENSING PRIVILEGE" MEANS THE CURRENT, OFFICIAL AUTHORITY FROM A REMOTE STATE PERMITTING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING AS EITHER A REGISTERED NURSE OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL OR VOCATIONAL NURSE IN A PARTY STATE.

(I) "NURSE" MEANS A REGISTERED NURSE OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL OR VOCATIONAL NURSE AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED BY THE LAWS OF EACH PARTY STATE.

(J) "PARTY STATE" MEANS ANY STATE THAT HAS ADOPTED THIS COMPACT.

(K) "REMOTE STATE" MEANS A PARTY STATE, OTHER THAN THE HOME STATE:

(1) WHERE THE PATIENT IS LOCATED AT THE TIME NURSING CARE IS PROVIDED; OR

(2) IN THE CASE OF THE PRACTICE OF NURSING THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE A PATIENT, IN THE PARTY STATE WHERE THE RECIPIENT OF NURSING PRACTICES IS LOCATED.

(L) "REMOTE STATE ACTION" MEANS ANY:

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, EQUITABLE, OR CRIMINAL ACTION PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE REMOTE STATE WHICH ARE IMPOSED ON A NURSE BY THE LICENSING BOARD OF THE REMOTE STATE OR OTHER AUTHORITY, INCLUDING ACTIONS AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL'S MULTISTATE LICENSING PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE IN THE REMOTE STATE; AND

(2) CEASE AND DESIST OR OTHER INJUNCTIVE OR EQUITABLE ORDERS ISSUED BY REMOTE STATES OR THEIR LICENSING BOARDS.

(M) "STATE" MEANS A STATE, TERRITORY, OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

(N) (1) "STATE PRACTICE LAWS" MEANS THOSE INDIVIDUAL PARTY STATE'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE PRACTICE OF NURSING, DEFINE THE SCOPE OF NURSING PRACTICE, AND CREATE THE METHODS AND GROUNDS FOR IMPOSING DISCIPLINE.

(2) "STATE PRACTICE LAWS" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OR THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AND RETAIN A LICENSE, EXCEPT FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE HOME STATE.

### ARTICLE III. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND JURISDICTION.

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A LICENSE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING ISSUED BY A HOME STATE TO A RESIDENT OF THAT STATE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY EACH PARTY STATE AS AUTHORIZATION FOR A MULTISTATE LICENSING PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN A PARTY STATE. A LICENSE TO PRACTICE LICENSED