

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 230

1.2 A bill for an act
1.3 relating to health occupations; providing for a Nurse Licensure Compact;
1.4 providing for appointments; appropriating money; proposing coding for new
1.5 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148.

1.6 May 7, 2012

1.7 The Honorable Michelle L. Fischbach
1.8 President of the Senate

1.9 The Honorable Kurt Zellers
1.10 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.11 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 230 report that we have agreed upon the
1.12 items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.13 That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 230 be further
1.14 amended as follows:

1.15 Page 10, after line 33, insert:

1.16 "Sec. 6. **NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT STUDY.**

1.17 (a) The commissioner of health shall, in consultation with the Office of Rural Health
1.18 and Primary Care, nurse contract bargaining units, the Board of Nursing, professional
1.19 nurse organizations, long-term care associations, hospitals and health systems, and the
1.20 Nurse Licensure Compact administrators, study and prepare a report for the governor on
1.21 the impact of adoption of the Nurse Licensure Compact in Minnesota on the following
1.22 areas:

1.23 (1) access to care, including but not limited to, access to telemedicine, e-medicine,
1.24 and medical homes;

1.25 (2) the estimated number of nurses currently licensed in other compact states who
1.26 are projected to practice in Minnesota and the number currently licensed in Minnesota
1.27 who are projected to practice in other compact states and the potential impact to the
1.28 Board of Nursing licensure fee revenues and to individual nurses if the nurse licensure
1.29 compact is adopted;

2.1 (3) the impact on regulatory oversight of nurses in terms of disciplinary actions;

2.2 (4) the impact on labor relations in states that have adopted the nurse licensure
2.3 compact, to the extent this impact can be determined;

2.4 (5) reducing duplication of nurse licensure;

2.5 (6) the variations in qualifications, scope of practice, licensure standards, and
2.6 licensure fees between Minnesota and states that are members of the compact; and

2.7 (7) the impact on patient safety, to the extent this impact can be determined.

2.8 (b) The commissioner shall present the report in paragraph (a) to the governor no
2.9 later than September 30, 2013, and the governor shall consider the findings of this report
2.10 in determining whether to implement the Nurse Licensure Compact."

2.11 Page 11, line 2, before "\$149,000" insert "(a)"

2.12 Page 11, after line 4, insert:

2.13 "(b) \$120,000 in fiscal year 2013 is appropriated from the state government special
2.14 revenue fund to the Board of Nursing to transfer to the commissioner of health for the
2.15 Nurse Licensure Compact study. This is a onetime appropriation."

2.16 Page 11, delete section 7 and insert:

2.17 "Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.18 (a) In order for sections 1 to 5 to be effective, the governor must issue an
2.19 executive order directing the executive director of the state Board of Nursing to begin
2.20 implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact.

2.21 (b) If the governor issues an executive order under paragraph (a), then sections 1
2.22 to 5 are effective upon implementation of the coordinated licensure information system
2.23 in section 1, article 6. Section 7, paragraph (a), is effective the day after the governor
2.24 issues the executive order.

2.25 (c) If the governor does not issue the executive order under paragraph (a) by
2.26 December 31, 2013, sections 1 to 5, and section 7, paragraph (a), do not become effective
2.27 and do not have the force of law.

2.28 (d) Sections 6 and 7, paragraph (b), are effective the day following final enactment."

2.29 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.30 Amend the title as follows:

2.31 Page 1, line 2, after the second semicolon, insert "providing for implementation by
2.32 executive order; requiring a study;"

