



**STATE LEGISLATIVE
UPDATES**

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OAOhN MISSION

To advance the profession of Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing. This mission is fulfilled by:

- Providing educational programs to promote professional excellence and advance standards of practice;
- Promoting internal and external communications;

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Mission Statement Continued

- Influencing legislative, regulatory and policy issues;
- Establishing strategic alliances and partnerships;
- Supporting and promoting research in occupational and environmental nursing.

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Vision Statement

To provide a point of contact for all occupational Health nurses in the State of Ohio, referral to subject matter experts within the organization, and support the visibility of occupational health nurse impact on employee health.

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Objectives:


- Review current nursing legislation
- Provide updated information on the nursing compact
- Present major state legislative issues relevant to occupational health

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Review of Current Legislation

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Mandatory Nursing Overtime

- Makes it illegal to force a nurse to work overtime
- Empowers nurses to use their professional judgment to assess if they are able to continue providing safe patient care
- Prohibits discipline or termination from the employer or Ohio Board of Nursing if a nurse refuses overtime

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Mandatory Nursing Overtime(Cont'd)

- Bill has been passed by the House
 - Bill now goes to the Senate – SB 129
 - Referred to the Senate Health committee.

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Changes Title of Vet Tech to Vet Nurse

- Changes professional title of a registered veterinary technician to “registered veterinary nurse”
 - Does not change the scope of practice of, or the registration or certification credentials required for those individuals
 - The title “Nurse” is not protected, but the title “Registered Nurse” is protected

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Change Title of Vet Tech to Vet Nurse (Cont'd)

- Introduced in the House
 - Passed House 12/6/18
- Introduced in the Senate
 - No action

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NURSING LICENSURE COMPACT

- Implemented in 34 states.
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
 - Allows a nurse to have one multistate license (in his or her state of residency) and to practice in other states (both physically and electronically), subject to each state's practice laws and regulations. Nurse can practice in states that have joined the compact.
 - When a nurse is disciplined he/she loses multistate practice privileges.

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NURSING LICENSURE COMPACT (Cont'd)

- NCL states must also flag when a nurse is under investigation prior to any disciplinary action being taken. This information is shared with other NLC states.
- NLC is FOR multistate licensing.
- Ohio legislature passed the compact in January 2021. It becomes effective January 1, 2023.

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APRN DELEGATION
Referred to the Health & Aging Committee

Permits certain advanced practice registered nurses to delegate to persons not otherwise authorized to administer drugs, the authority to do so under specified conditions.

Requires the Ohio Board of Nursing to adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for the delegation of the authority to administer drugs.

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APRN Delegation (Cont'd)

Conditions of APRN Delegation

- APRN must assess the patient and determine that the drug is appropriate for the patient;
- APRN must determine that the person to whom the authority will be delegated has successfully completed education and demonstrates to the employer said ability to safely administer the drug.
- Delegation must be in accordance with standards and procedures established in rules adopted by the Board

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APRN Delegation(Cont'd)

➤ Authority to administer a drug under APRN's delegation only if:

- Drug to be administer to a specific patient;
- Drug is listed in the formulary established by the Board for APRNs with authority to prescribe drugs and is not a controlled substance or to be administered intravenously;
- Drug is to be administered at a location other than a hospital inpatient care unit, a hospital ER department, a free standing ER department, or an ambulatory surgical facility;

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APRN Delegation (Cont'd)

- The person has successfully completed education based on a recognized body of knowledge concerning drug administration and demonstrates to the person's employer the knowledge, skills, and ability to administer the drug safely;
- The person's employer has given the APRN access to documentation, in written or electronic form, showing that the person has successfully completed the required education and demonstrates to the employer the knowledge, skills, and ability required by the bill;

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APRN Delegation (Cont'd)

- The APRN is physically present at the location where the drug is administered.
- *Bill remains in the Health & Aging Committee*

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