



Testimony to the Subcommittee to Conduct a Study of Postacute Care

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I. Introduction

- a. NSBN was founded in 1923 to regulate the practice of nursing by:
 - Set minimum licensure requirements for APRNs, RNs, LPNs, CNAs, and MA-Cs
 - Approving nursing programs
 - Investigation and discipline of licensees
- b. Governor-appointed seven-member Board made up of 3 RNs, 1 LPN, 1 CNA, 1 member who represents the underserved, and 1 consumer member
- c. Revenue only from licensure fees, no General Fund monies—\$3 million annual budget
- d. Over 45,000 active licensees

II. What's happening now?

- a. AB170 passed in 2013—see attached for review of what's happened since enactment
- b. Programs for Veterans have flourished in Nevada
 - College of Southern Nevada's program for Medic to LPN one semester program
 - Chamberlin College's Hispanic Concentration track and Military to BSN degree

- Roseman University Veterans Track for BSN

- c. Streamlining licensure processes so that licenses are issued in 2.6 days
- d. Gathering Minimum Data Set information is mandatory on renewal for all nurses for the last 2 years with a return rate of 80%--results reported through John Packham's Nursing Workforce Report through UNR School of Medicine
- e. Nevada still ranks dead last in RNs per capita at 605 RNs per 100,000 population (National average is 874/100,000 population)
- f. 89% of RN nursing students pass NCLEX the first time they take it (National average 82%). Nationally, in 2007 we were ranked 46th and after the Board's intervention and hard work by Nevada's nursing programs, we rose to 3rd in 2014.

III. What's coming in the future? How has the Affordable Care Act impacted nursing practice? How can Nevada continue to respond to the changes in the delivery of healthcare?

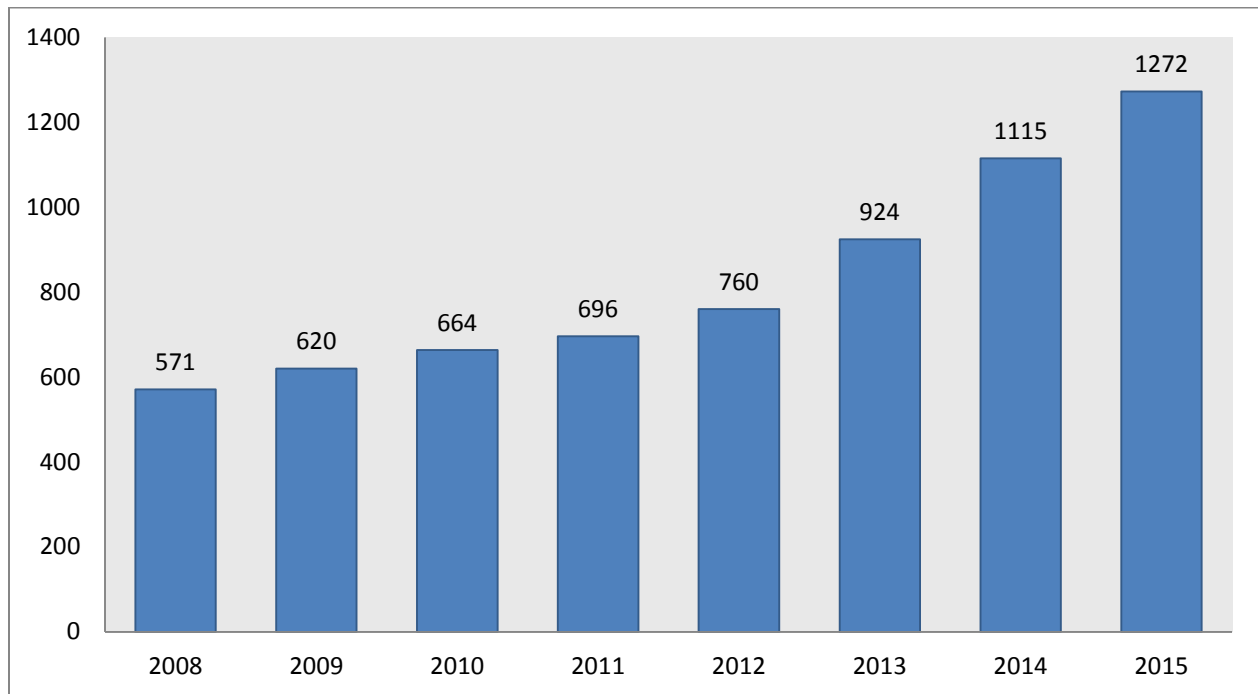
- a. Nurses working to their full scope of education, training, and expertise
- b. Technological advances in the delivery of healthcare, eg. Telehealth, distance learning
- c. By 2020, only 25% of nurses in Nevada are predicted to be working in direct healthcare—new roles for RNs
- d. Focus on the continuum of care
- e. Nurses working in multidisciplinary teams including physicians and other providers, eg. Community Health Workers
- f. Emergence of borderless practice to address the needs of patients' access to care, eg. Nurse Licensure Compact

APRN Licensure Data

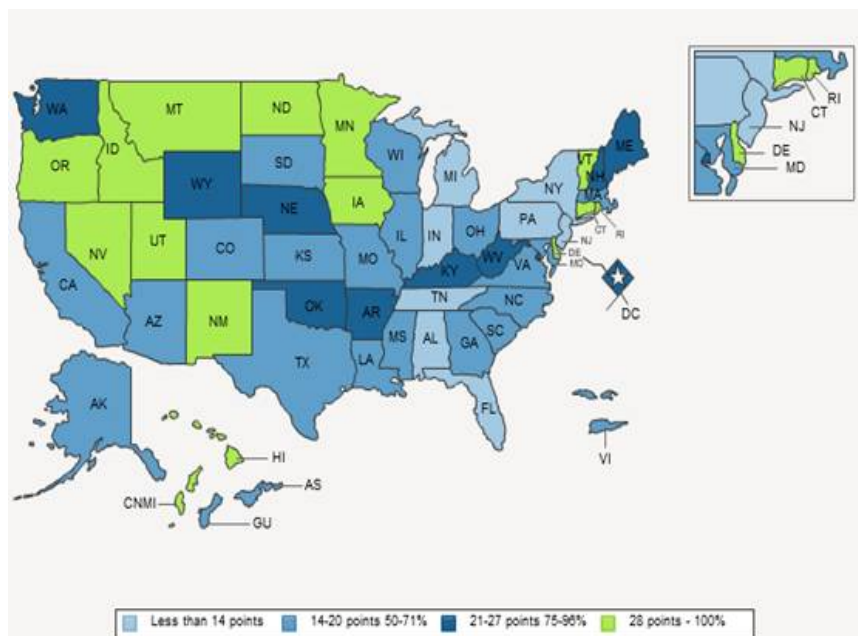
On July 1, 2013 APRNs were given authority by the Nevada Legislature to practice to the full extent of their license without a collaborative agreement.

The total number of active APRN licensees in Nevada as of October 29, 2015 was 1272, an approximate 31% increase over the 880 when AB170 became effective.

Number of APRNs Licensed in Nevada



According to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners the number of licensed nurse practitioners in the U.S. has nearly doubled over the past 10 years. The number of nurse practitioners increased from approximately 106,000 in 2004 to 205,000 as of Dec. 31, 2014. The AANP also reported that more than 15,000 individuals graduated from nurse practitioner programs during the 2012-2013 academic year.



APRN Licensure Data (Con't)

The total number of APRN licenses issued from 7/1/13 – 10/29/15 is 502.

62 APRNs came from states that have full practice authority per NSBN's Consensus Model Implementation Status Map updated as of 05/2014.

Therefore 88% of newly licensed APRNs came from a state that does not allow APRNs full practice authority since the implementation of AB170.

Discipline Statistics FY 14/15

26 complaints were received

None of those complaints resulted in discipline

Alabama	28
Alaska	0
Arizona	23
Arkansas	2
California	107
Colorado	8
Connecticut	7
District of Columbia	5
Delaware	1
Florida	11
Georgia	4
Hawaii	5
Idaho	3
Illinois	8
Indiana	11
Iowa	6
Kansas	4
Kentucky	6
Louisiana	2
Maine	3
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	9
Minnesota	26
Mississippi	0
Missouri	15
Montana	0
Nebraska	2
Nevada	77
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	4
New Mexico	3
New York	10
North Carolina	4
North Dakota	1
Ohio	28
Oklahoma	0
Oregon	2
Pennsylvania	7
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	13
Texas	9
Utah	12
Vermont	2
Virginia	3
Washington	12
West Virginia	3
Wisconsin	6
Wyoming	1