Objectives

- Summarize bills from the 84th Legislative Session that impact regulation, licensure and practice of RNs and APRNs
- Discuss the rule changes made during the last 2 years that impact nurse licensure, practice, education and discipline.
- Identify issues that will impact the Board in the next biennium.
Legislation Passed 2015
House Bill 1 – Budget

- 2016-2017 funding for BON
- No contingency rider
- Renewal fees in FY 15
SB 195 – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

- Transfers program from DPS to Pharmacy Board
- Authorizes sharing of Information with other states
- Eliminates Controlled Substance Registration
Bills Affecting Other Provider Scopes of Practice

- House Bill 1550 Administration of Epinephrine by Pharmacists
- Senate Bill 460 Pharmacists Dispensing 30 Day Supply of Dangerous Drugs in Disasters
Interstate Compacts

- House Bill 2498 EMS Interstate Compact passed
- House Bill 661/Senate Bill 190 Medical Licensing Compact did not pass
Nursing Education

- House Bill 505 Dual Credit Courses
- House Bill 3078 Pre-Nursing Curriculum for Undergraduate Professional Nursing Programs
Law Enforcement

- Senate Bill 1235 Pain Management Clinics/Pill Mill Clinic Activities
Rules Adopted
2014 - 2015
Rule 216 Continuing Competency

- **Jurisprudence and Ethics CE**
  - 2-4 hours
  - End of every third two year licensing cycle

- **Older Adult/Geriatric CE**
  - 2-6 hours
  - Every license cycle
  - Certification approved by the Board may be used in lieu of CE

- **Forensic Evidence Collection CE**
  - If practice includes forensic examination on a sexual assault survivor or any nurse working in an ED
  - Complete CE prior to performing such exam or within two years of working in ED
  - One time requirement
Rule 228 Pain Management

- Sets out:
  - pain management standards
  - requirements for Pain Management Clinics in Texas
- Addresses non-therapeutic prescribing in pain management settings by APRNs
Delegation

- Rule 225 Stable and Predictable Clients
- Rule 224 Acute Care
Alternative Disciplinary Options

- 213.32 Expansion of Corrective Actions to include practice violations
- 213.35 KSTAR Pilot Program
Fee Changes

- 223.1 Reduction in renewal fees by $10
- 223.1 Addition of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program fee
Issues on the Horizon 2017

• Nurse Licensure Compact Changes

• Sunset
Nurse Licensure Compact

- Revisions adopted by the NCSBN Delegate Assembly May 4, 2015

- Why?
  - Slow adoption of the current Compact
  - Lack of Uniform Licensure Requirements
  - Increasing national interest in cross state practice (ACA, Military/Veterans healthcare challenges, Telehealth)
Same pressures have resulted in development of Compacts among other professions

- Medicine
- EMS
- Psychology
- Physical Therapy
What’s New in the Enhanced NLC?

- Uniform Licensure Requirements
  - Criminal Background Checks – Felony bar to having a Compact license; single state license may be granted by the party state

- Rulemaking by the Interstate Commission
What is Sunset?

- Sunset is the regular assessment of the continuing need for a state agency to exist.
- Standard legislative oversight is concerned with agency compliance with legislative policies.
- Sunset asks a more basic question: Do the agency’s functions continue to be needed?
Agency Writes a Self Evaluation

Sunset Commission Staff

- Reviews agency’s Self-Evaluation Report
- Receives input from interested parties
- Evaluates agency and identifies problems
- Develops recommendations
- Publishes staff report
Sunset

- **Public Hearings**
  - Sunset staff presents its report and recommendations
  - Agency presents its response
  - Sunset Commission hears public testimony
  - Staff compiles all testimony for Commission consideration
  - Sunset Commission meets again to consider and vote on recommendations
Sunset

- **Texas Legislature**
  - Sunset bill on an agency is drafted and filed
  - Sunset bills go through normal bill processes
  - The Senate and the House conduct committee hearings and debate the bill
  - Bill passes or fails adoption
  - Governor signs, vetoes, or allows bill to become law without signature
Sunset

Agency continues with improvements.

OR

Agency is abolished but may continue business for up to one year.
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