

**Your board of nursing is  
responsible for enforcing  
the nurse practice act  
to promote safe  
and competent care.**

**M**ore than 100 years ago, state governments established boards of nursing (BONs) to protect the public's health and welfare by overseeing and ensuring the safe practice of nursing.

Today, BONs regulate and oversee nursing practice by enforcing the nursing laws of your state or jurisdiction.

BON structures and decision-making powers and authority are unique for each state. Individuals who serve on a BON are appointed or elected to their position.

State law dictates the members of the BON, which typically includes:

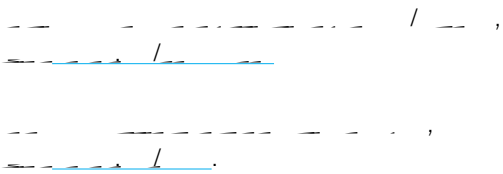
- Registered nurses (RNs);
- Licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs);
- Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs); and
- Consumers.

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**VIOLATIONS OF THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT**

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