

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

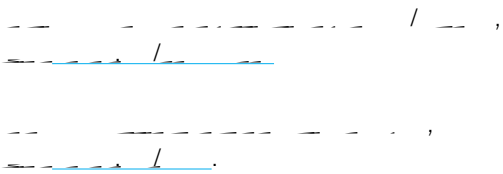
More than 100 years ago, state governments established boards of nursing (BONs) to protect the public's health and welfare by overseeing and ensuring the safe practice of nursing.

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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