

NFDA Successfully Lobbies for License Reciprocity in Model State Law

At its recent annual meeting, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), approved and recommended that all states pass the “Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act.”

What it Means

The new model state law would provide reciprocity for licensed volunteers who travel to other states to provide “health services” during declared states of emergency, disaster, or public health emergencies. It also provides workers compensation and reduced liability exposures for volunteers. NFDA worked closely with the committee that drafted this model law to include funeral, cremation, cemetery, and other mortuary services in the definition of “health services.”

What Can You Do?

A copy of the final draft can be found at

<http://www.nfda.org/files/AdvComp/UniformEmergencyVolunteerHealthPractitionersAct.pdf>. State associations are encouraged to ask their state legislators to introduce this act or support it if it is introduced separately. For more information, contact John Fitch, NFDA's Senior Vice President for Advocacy in Washington, D.C., at 202-547-0441 or jfitch@nfda.org.