



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 937

Bill Title: Naturopathic Doctors – Formulary Council Membership, Content, and Scope of Practice

Position: Oppose

Date: March 3, 2020

The Maryland Nurses Association opposes *House Bill 937 – Naturopathic Doctors – Formulary Council Membership, Content, and Scope of Practice*. This opposition is based on a lack of clarity about whether the education and experience of naturopathic doctors aligns with the provisions of the bill. The bill grants broad prescriptive authority for naturopathic doctors to prescribe any medication, excluding controlled dangerous substances, on a formulary determined by an advisory committee.

Our questions include:

- What is the content of naturopathic education?
- Does naturopathic education include training on pharmacology beyond naturally derived medications?; and
- Is naturopathic education on pharmacology standard or do programs differ?

We think these basic questions should be addressed before considering this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Elliott, at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

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