



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee  
**Bill Number:** HB 224  
**Title:** Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information  
Technology Platform for Health Occupation Boards  
**Hearing Date:** January 14, 2021  
**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 224 – Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information Platform for Health Occupations Boards*. The bill would require the Department of Information Technology to study the feasibility of establishing a common licensing platform. The bill would support the Board of Nursing in its efforts to have an efficient licensure platform that is responsive to its users. The Board faces unique information technology challenges because the number of licensees and certificate holders is over 300,000. If the study finds that a common licensure platform is feasible, then the Board could consider whether to work with other boards on the development of that platform.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.