



Committee: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 523 – Occupations and Professions - Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants

Hearing Date: February 17, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 523 – Occupations and Professions – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants*. The bill would prohibit a licensure board, including those for health professionals, from denying a license based on immigration status.

ACNM supports licensure and certification requirements that are related to ensuring the competency of health care practitioners. Immigration status has no bearing on the determination of whether a practitioner is competent. We, therefore, support the bill's underlying premise that it should not be used in licensure decisions.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.