



MARYLAND SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

Date: March 24, 2022

Committee: The Honorable Senator Paul Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 1011- Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority
House Bill 55 - Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority

Position: Letter of Information

The Maryland Society of Anesthesiologists (MSA) is a State component society of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). The MSA is a non-profit physician organization dedicated to promoting the safest and highest standards of the profession of anesthesiology in the State of Maryland. Our purpose is to advocate on behalf of our members for their patients through policy, education, and research.

As introduced Senate Bill 1011 "authorizes a nurse anesthetist to prescribe, order, and administer drugs, including specified controlled dangerous substances (CDS), subject to certain limitations." The Bill reflects the amendments added to House Bill 55.

We appreciate the Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists for working together with us on areas of concern with the bill as introduced. The outcome of those discussions are the House Sponsor amendments that:

1. Removed references to "Podiatry" throughout the bill, and
2. Delete the following lines as it pertains to the prescriptive authority:
House Bill 55 (1st Reader) Page 2, line 29 thru Page 3, line 2:
[(IV) WITHOUT OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM A PRACTITIONER WITH WHOM THE NURSE ANESTHETIST COLLABORATES UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.]

With these amendments included in HB55 as it passed the House and reflected in SB1011 as introduced, the MSA takes a neutral position. We thank the proponents and Sponsor for addressing our concerns.

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