



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 937

Title: Abortion Care Access Act

Hearing Date: February 22, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 937 – Abortion Care Access Act* because it removes an outdated restriction that prevents nurse practitioners and certified nurse-midwives from practicing within their scope. Maryland law limits the provision of abortion care to licensed physicians. However, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, licensed certified midwives, and physician assistants would otherwise be allowed to provide abortion care as long as they meet their certification or licensure requirements. Fourteen other states recognize that advanced practice clinicians can provide abortion care as recommended by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologistsⁱ. We ask the Committee to vote favorably on HB 937. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2014/11/abortion-training-and-education>