



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 1130 - Health Occupations - Prohibition on Expiration of Licenses, Certificates, Permits, and Registrations

**Hearing Date:** March 3, 2022

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 701 – Public Safety – Governor’s Health Emergency Powers - Repeal*. This bill extends the expiration of health licenses and certifications until the Department is able to fully address the recent data security breach. Since the data breach occurred on December 4, 2021, health care practitioners have experienced delays in renewing licenses and certificates. Although the Board of Nursing has worked very hard to create workarounds, board staff report that there is still significant backlog. With the healthcare workforce shortage, This bill will ensure the health workforce shortage is not exacerbated by health care practitioners not being able to renew their licenses or certificates. Therefore, we support this bill and ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at [stiffin@policypartners.net](mailto:stiffin@policypartners.net).