



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

**Bill Number:** House Bill 378 - Maryland Health Care Commission – Palliative Care Services – Workgroup

**Hearing Date:** February 23, 2022

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 378 – Maryland Health Care Commission – Palliative Care Services – Workgroup*. The bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to convene stakeholders to study and make recommendations to improve palliative care services. We support this legislation because Marylanders need more access to palliative care services to manage the symptoms resulting from serious illnesses. Palliative care can improve health outcomes and quality of life. The bill takes an inclusive approach to studying the issue by including consumers and providers.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.