



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 609 - Local Health Officers - Removal - Grounds and Process

Hearing Date: February 23, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 609 – Local Health Officers – Removal – Grounds and Process*. As we have seen during the pandemic, local health officers have been removed from their position because of their decisions to follow public health guidelines about masking policies. Our law should protect local health officers from these arbitrary decisions. Otherwise, the health of our communities could be compromised. This bill delineates the criteria used in decisions to remove health officers, and thus protects local health officers and their communities from politicized decisions.

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