

APRN Compact Legislation: HB475 Asking for Favorable Response

Madam Chair and Madam Vice Chair, and members of the Committee.

My name is Susan Delean-Botkin, Family Nurse Practitioner from Easton Maryland. For the past 25 years. I am past Board Member and Co-chair of MAAPC legislative committee I have owned my own practice on the Eastern Shore with over 2000 patients. I have patients who come from Delaware, Maryland, DC, and Virginia. I serve them all. I have been to the Gulf States to assist with medical hurricane relief. I understand the necessity of Maryland implementing the APRN Compact Legislation.

Look at the pandemic – we were drastically short of Emergency Nurse Practitioners, ICU Nurse Practitioner intensivists, and others. This was related to the usual 6 month wait for a license to practice in Maryland. And once our covid numbers went down, Nurse Practitioners were not able to seamlessly transfer, to work in other state’s emergency rooms, intensive care units, Physicians have had the Compact arrangement for 20 years, as MedChi reported last year when this bill was presented.. Physical therapists, RNs, LPNs have the option to obtain a multistate license.

It is interesting that I can write a script for Percocet to a patient in California now with my DEA number. But I can’t provide emergency nurse practitioner level medical care in Louisiana during a hurricane.

This bill increases access to high quality health where care is needed. It eliminates barriers of geography, economics, and health system barriers. It expands telehealth, and will increase services to our Veterans

The only entity that is opposing this bill is NPAM. I was president and legislative chair of NPAM, and disagree with their comments and lack of support for HB 475.

Please support HB475 for better health care!!

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