

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk and Madam Vice Chair Cullison, members of the Health and Government Operations committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 213, Health Occupations - Clinical Nurse Specialists - Prescribing.**

The purpose of this bill is to define "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an "authorized prescriber" under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizes a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

(Closing)

Thank you to Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk and Madam Vice Chair Cullison for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 213, Health Occupations - Clinical Nurse Specialists - Prescribing** and I ask for your favorable report.