

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 210 – Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics -

Immunization Administration - Effective Date

Hearing Date: January 24, 2024

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 210 – Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Immunization Administration - Effective Date*. This bill extends that statutory authorization for paramedics to provide COVID-19 and flu vaccines until January 1, 2030.

Paramedics are essential in the efforts of public health officials in reaching Marylanders in all parts of the state with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. There are simply not enough nurses or other licensed health care professionals to meet the need. This legislation is important in ensuring we have enough qualified people to administer COVID-19 and flu vaccines.

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.