



Board of Nursing

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February 15, 2024

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1105 – APRN - Certification Requirement and Exceptions – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) respectfully submits this letter of support for House Bill (HB) 1105 – APRN - Certification Requirement and Exceptions. This bill requires an individual, subject to certain exceptions, to be certified as an advanced practice registered nurse before practicing advanced practice registered nursing in the State.

Health Occupations Article §8–301, Annotated Code of Maryland, is insufficiently clear in its authorization for advanced practice registered nursing students to practice advanced practice registered nursing in accordance with their education, clinical training, and scopes of practice. This bill clarifies that advanced practice registered nursing students who are enrolled in a graduate level accredited education program are permitted to practice advanced practice registered nursing without having to obtain a certificate, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board. This change will reduce the number of inquiries received from advanced practice registered nurses who are completing their clinical rotations and codify more clearly existing conditions for students.

For the reasons discussed above, the Maryland Board of Nursing respectfully submits this letter of support for HB 1105.

I hope this information is useful. For more information, please contact Ms. Mitzi Fishman, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-585-2049 or mitzi.fishman@maryland.gov, or Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, at 410-585-1953 or rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hicks", written in a cursive style.

Gary N. Hicks
Board President

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