



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: SB 72 - Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing
COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations
POSITION: Letter of Support As Amended

POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is respectfully submitting this letter of support as amended for Senate Bill (SB) 72 - Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing. SB 72 would establish that health occupation boards prominently maintain a statement that an applicant may not be required to provide additional evidence of English proficiency if the applicant holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires evidence of English proficiency for licensure, certification or registration.

The Board has worked collaboratively with Senator Lam on notifying all licensure applicants that it does not require them to repeat English language proficiency requirements already demonstrated through licensure in another state.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst, OriellT.Harris@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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