



Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 828 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

Hearing Date: March 26, 2025

Position: Support with Amendment

The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants strongly supports *Senate Bill 828 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)*. Under the legislation, the Attorney General would provide guidance to protect Marylanders from immigration enforcement at schools, healthcare facilities, and other sensitive locations.

MdAPA believes all Marylanders should be able to seek healthcare services without fear of immigration enforcement against themselves and family members. We support this legislation because we want to mitigate the impact of fear on our patients' willingness to seek healthcare services. We suggest a clarifying amendment to ensure the bill provides protection at all healthcare locations, including settings where non-physicians provide healthcare services:

Strike and replace line 21 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2 with:

"a location where healthcare services are provided directly or under the supervision of a healthcare practitioner licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice under the Health Occupations Article"

We ask for a favorable report with this clarifying amendment. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.