

HOUSE BILL 602

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By: **Delegates Hutchinson and Adams**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Nursing – Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty**
3 **Certification – Reciprocity Discussions**
4 **(Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with certain
6 jurisdictions to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing
7 licensure and specialty certification; and generally relating to the State Board of
8 Nursing.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The State Board of Nursing shall hold discussions with the state nursing
12 licensing boards for Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of
13 Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and
14 specialty certification.

15 (b) The Board shall prioritize collaboration with each specified jurisdiction to
16 facilitate the establishment of mutual and reciprocal licensure recognition arrangements
17 in order to:

18 (1) increase access to qualified advanced practice registered nurses;

19 (2) enhance licensure portability; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (3) provide ease of telehealth access in the State and surrounding
2 jurisdictions.

3 (c) On or before November 1, 2025, and each November 1 thereafter for the next
4 4 years, the Board shall submit a report regarding the discussions required under
5 subsection (a) of this section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and
6 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government
7 Article, that includes:

8 (1) the status of reciprocity discussions with each specified jurisdiction;

9 (2) any agreements reached and the terms, if any;

10 (3) any challenges encountered during negotiations; and

11 (4) recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes necessary to
12 facilitate reciprocity of nursing licenses.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.