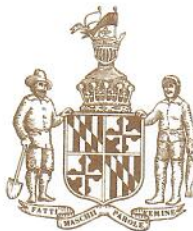


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Testimony for Senate Bill 576
Health Occupations - Nurse Practitioners - Certifications of Competency and Incapacity
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
February 13, 2020

Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 576 - Health Occupations - Nurse Practitioners - Certifications of Competency and Incapacity. This proposed legislation alters requirements for petitions for guardianship and competency of disabled persons.

Current law requires two physicians, or a physician and either a psychologist or licensed certified social worker to certify the petition of guardianship. Two physicians are required for a certification of competency. This bill will allow nurse practitioners to perform both of these certifications, as well.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 576. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Addie Eckardt".

Senator Addie Eckardt