



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill 364 – Hospital and Nursing Facility Workers and Health Care Practitioners - Identification Tags and Badges - Name Requirement

SPONSOR: Delegates Saab and Cullison

HEARING DATE: February 11, 2020

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

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POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 364**, which specifies the allowable form of the name listed on (1) the personal identification tag of an employee or any other individual who provides health care services at a hospital or nursing facility in the State or (2) the badge or other identification worn by specified health care practitioners when providing health care to a patient. Specifically, the name can be the first name, nickname, last name, or full name commonly used in the hospital, nursing facility, office, or facility.

Under current law, each health occupations' board may adopt regulations to implement a health care practitioner identification requirement and provide exemptions from wearing a badge or other form of identification, for the patient or health care practitioner's safety or for therapeutic concerns.

House Bill 364 will provide a transparent and consistent set of guidelines for practitioners, when interacting with patients. In hospital settings, quick identification of names and titles during critical incidents can facilitate accurate reporting. For example, if a patient codes and several providers respond, the scribe can visually identify the responders' official names and titles for the record. It will ensure that all patients will have access to the names of individuals who are responsible for their health care. The Prince George's County Health Department supports efforts to provide residents with the information they need to make informed decisions about their healthcare.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 364** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.