

Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists

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HB 95 - Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Tasks

Before the House Health and Government Operations Committees

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

The Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MANA) strongly supports HB 95 - Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Tasks. This Committee passed similar legislation during the shortened 2020 session. However, the Senate did not take up the legislation during the abbreviated session.

HB 95 will allow an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to delegate a nursing or other technical task to an assistant provided the assistant is trained to perform the task and the APRN provides instruction and appropriate supervision to the assistant. The Maryland Board of Nursing would further regulate the delegation and scope of the tasks.

HB 95 will allow highly trained and skilled APRNs to safely delegate tasks thereby allowing for more cost-efficient delivery of healthcare. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) that practice in a clinic setting for example will be able to delegate certain tasks such as taking vital signs (blood pressure and heart rate) to appropriately trained assistants in order to facilitate the seamless flow of providing quality care in a timely manner.

We respectfully request a favorable report on HB 95.

Respectfully submitted,

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