



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee  
**Bill number:** House Bill 1193  
**Title:** Certified Nursing Assistants – Certification Renewal – Training Program Requirements  
**Hearing Date:** March 11, 2021  
**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 1193 – Certified Nursing Assistants – Certification Renewal – Training Program Requirements*. The bill will create a more efficient pathway for certified nursing assistants (CNAs) to reenter the workforce if they do not have active clinical hours. The CNAs would have to meet Board of Nursing requirements and complete a refresher course. This bill will help address workforce shortages, as it will be simpler for qualified CNAs to obtain certification again. MNA thanks the sponsor and the Maryland Board of Nursing for their leadership in proactively addressing workforce shortage issues.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide further assistance, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.