



Committee: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill: Senate Bill 82 - Certified Nursing Assistants - Licensing Requirements

Hearing Date: February 2, 2022

Position: Support with Amendments

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 82 – Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements* with amendments. The bill combines the categories of geriatric nursing assistants (GNAs) and certified nursing assistants (CNAs) in an effort to streamline requirements for this important component of the health care workforce. The bill also makes requirements for the “CNA” title in Maryland consistent with those of other states. We support the Board’s underlying intent. There might be unintended consequences, such as the impact of an examination requirement on nursing students who work as CNAs. We appreciate that the Board is engaged in active stakeholder discussions about potential amendments to address these types of issues. MNA is committed to working with the sponsor, the Committee, and stakeholders on this legislation. If we can provide additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.