

January 30, 2022

The Honorable Senator Pinsky
Maryland Senate
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Pinsky,

I am writing regarding **SB 0154, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact**. I am a Nurse Practitioner (NP) living and working in Maryland and I **oppose** this bill.

This bill would establish entry into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact as adopted by the NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) in August, 2020. The provisions set forth by the NCSBN **are not acceptable**. Until the Compact provisions meet the expectations of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Maryland, I am requesting you that you do not support this bill.

- The inclusion of 2,080 practice hours as a prerequisite for a APRN Compact license is inconsistent with the mounting evidence of the high-quality, cost-effective care provided by NPs. NPs are prepared for safe entry to practice upon graduation from an accredited graduate program and after the successful passage of a national certification board examination. **NPs in Maryland do not currently have a clinical practice requirement. This provision would be a step backwards for access to NP care in our state.**
- The APRN Compact Administrators must include NPs and other APRNs. Those governing APRNs must understand each APRN role. Currently, there is no provision for this representation.
- An APRN Advisory Committee needs to be included in the provisions of the Compact to ensure there is needed expertise to address the complexity and variety of practice issues. Currently, there is no provision for an APRN Advisory Committee.
- It is not known if the APRN Compact, as adopted by the NCSBN, will be implemented any time soon as there needs to be 7 states for adoption. Two (2) states have entered into the APRN Compact since 2020 – North Dakota and Delaware.

Passage of this bill will negatively impact NPs in Maryland and the patients we serve. Given the current healthcare crisis, any bill that affects access to health care is misguided and dangerous. For this reason, and all of the reasons listed above, I ask for your opposition to **SB 0154, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact**. The provisions of the APRN Compact as proposed by the NCSBN need to be worked out before Maryland considers entry into the Compact.

As a healthcare provider, I am available to answer any questions you might have related to this issue. Please feel free to contact me with your questions.

Sincerely,

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