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## **Support SB 154 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact**

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The Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC) supports passage of Senator Eckardt SB 154 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact.

I am Marie Tarleton, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner practicing in Maryland more than 20 years and President of MAAPC.

This bill has many benefits for the residents of Maryland, many of which have become apparent in our current pandemic situation.

Some benefits of the Compact Licensure:

- The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) has greater mobility across state lines physically and via telehealth.
- Improves the continuity of care for patients.
- Ensures the qualifications of the practitioners meet national standards.
- Streamlined credentialing and licensing process.
- Lessens undue licensure burdens and delays making Maryland more attractive for nurses to relocate here.
- This compact agreement aids military families during their relocation processes.
- Allows for qualified APRNs to fill emergent needs during times of disasters, short staffing, and in underserved rural areas.

During the pandemic while seeing most patients via telehealth, it became apparent to us as healthcare providers, that we need Compact licensure to serve our patients who live or work in another state and seek care with us in Maryland. We had to turn many patients away because they were physically located in another state at the time of their telehealth appointments causing them a delay in needed care and the burden of finding a new provider during a pandemic.

I ask for a favorable report on SB 154.

Thank you.

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