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Testimony for Senate Bill 82
Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 82 – Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements**.

This bill will bring together two categories of nursing assistants and GNA's into one category: CNA. Since the two categories currently require different competencies that are required by CNS/Medicare, special provisions are required to make this transition.

This bill will create a uniformity in the definition of nursing assistants while also establishing criteria for certification.

The Maryland Board of Nursing has requested an amendment (which has been drafted) to extend the start date to October 1, 2024. This will allow time to be compliant with the federal requirements and to clarify the process of transitioning to one designation.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 82. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Addie C. Eckardt".

Senator Addie C. Eckardt