



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 890

Title: Abortion Care Access Act

Hearing Date: February 23, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 890 – Abortion Care Access Act* because it removes an outdated restriction that prevents nurse practitioners and certified nurse-midwives from practicing within their scope. Maryland law limits the provision of abortion care to licensed physicians. However, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, licensed certified midwives, and physician assistants would otherwise be allowed to provide abortion care as long as they meet their certification or licensure requirements. Fourteen other states recognize that advanced practice clinicians can provide abortion care as recommended by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologistsⁱ. We ask the Committee to vote favorably on SB 890. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2014/11/abortion-training-and-education>