



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 760 - Public Safety - States of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Renewals - Authorization by General Assembly or Legislative Policy Committee

Hearing Date: March 1, 2022

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Nurses Association strongly opposes *House Bill 760 – Public Safety – State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergencies – Renewals – Authorization by General Assembly or Legislative Policy Committee*. The bill would require the Maryland General Assembly or Legislative Policy Committee to approve renewal of the Governor’s declaration of state of public health emergency. As we have seen with the COVID-19 pandemic, many more Marylanders would have lost their lives if the Governor had not taken action under a declaration of a public health emergency. This bill poses a serious danger to Marylanders, as it would impede the ability of the Governor to enact safety measures to protect the public during a health emergency. Therefore we strongly oppose this bill, and ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.