



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 673 – Physician Assistants – Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act)

Hearing Date: March 14, 2023

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 673 – Physician Assistants – Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act)*. The bill updates how the Board of Physicians regulations physician assistants. As nurse-midwives, we view physician assistants as a valuable part of the care team. We support removing unnecessary barriers to licensure and practice, as our health care system is in great need for more flexibility and efficiency in meeting the health care needs of our patients. We simply do not have enough health care providers in any field to meet the needs of Marylanders. This bill allows a more flexible and expeditious pathway for physician assistants to practice. We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.