

Committee:	Senate Finance Committee House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill:	Senate Bill 439/House Bill 475 -Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact
Hearing Date:	February 28, 2023
Position:	Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports SB 439/HB 475 – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact. On February 21, 2023, MNA's Legislative Committee voted to support the proposed APRN Compact Legislation: SB439/HB475. After monitoring this bill during the 2022 general assembly session, MNA President Christie Simon-Waterman convened nursing organizations from across the state to discuss the proposed APRN legislation between July 2022 - January 2023. MNA's Legislative Committee, led by former Senator Addie Eckardt and Dr. Lou Bartolo, took into consideration data presented by its committee members and organizational affiliates and the survey conducted by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) and the National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) which showed an overwhelming support for the compact by both RNs and APRNs in Maryland.

According to NCSBN, the APRN Compact, was adopted August 12, 2020, and allows an advanced practice registered nurse to hold one multistate license with a privilege to practice in other compact states. The APRN Compact will be implemented when 7 states have enacted the legislation. Currently there are 3 states (Delaware, Utah, and North Dakota) that have adopted the compact and 6 states with pending legislation (Maryland, New York, Arizona, Hawaii, Kentucky, and Montana).

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.