

**Hearing Date:** March 6, 2023

**Committee:** Health and Government Operations

**Bill:** [HB727- Physician Assistants – Revisions \(Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2023\)](#)

**Position:** SUPPORT (FAV)

This is a letter in **Support of HB 727- PA Modernization Act of 2023.**

I urge the committee to review and update Maryland laws to reflect the progressive practice of Physician Assistants (PA) in the state. Our laws currently are restrictive and inconsiderate of the vast amount of experience we gain through years of practice and working with patients.

Our scope of practice should be based upon a PA's education, training experiences, proven competencies not dictated by law. Please allow us as highly trained professionals to practice to the full scope of our licenses. Our Maryland population will benefit even more from our impact as professionals if this is made possible.

As you consider this, please also eliminate the concept of advanced duties and distinguishing these from core duties. This creates unnecessary applications, processes, administrative fees and essentially delays in patient care.

I will close with asking that the concept of physician supervision also be eliminated. PA are licensed medical professionals. We want to care for patients and be responsible for the care we provide. We collaborate with physicians as our colleagues to provide the best care for our patients. Please note that this concept has been adopted by all our surrounding states and jurisdiction and will position PA to better meet the needs of our patients in Maryland.

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