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To: Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee and Senate Finance Committee

From: Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Maryland State Bar Association

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Subject: HB 425/ SB 359 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) supports House #425 and Senate Bill # 359. Among other things, this bill establishes rules to authorize an advance practice registered nurse to practice in another state. As a compact, or an agreement, between the state of Maryland and other states, we note that this bill is complex. We appreciate and support that provisions of this bill – pages 26-27, lines 31-33 and 1-11 – set forth mediation and arbitration mechanisms that shall be used in the event of a dispute before filing a lawsuit. We believe that this specific language gives the parties an opportunity to settle their differences without the expense of going to court. At the same time, courts will benefit from the likely reduction in the number of cases filed which crowd our dockets.

Should you have any questions, please contact Erin Gable, Esq., Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council, edgable@aacc.edu.