

SUPPORT

SB 167 Senator Carozza Physician Assistants—Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2024)

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My name is Lorraine Diana MS, CRNP, practicing as a nurse practitioner in Maryland for more than 43 years. I am also the Legislative Co Chair for the Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC), a statewide organization that supports all advanced practice clinicians through continuing education and legislation.

Physician Assistants are highly educated, highly skilled health care providers rendering high quality, evidence- based care to Marylanders.

SB 167 will modernize Maryland law, streamlining the physician assistant’s ability to provide care more easily in a multitude of settings and specialties. This bill will also allow an easy expansion of our health care work force in the event of a disaster by authorizing physician assistants who are Federal employees to practice without unnecessary paperwork and red tape.

I ask for a favorable report on SB 167.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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