

SUPPORT

SB 359 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

I am writing to request support for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact. This bill is sponsored by the National Council of State boards of Nursing and favors strong support from the Maryland advance practice community, the Maryland Academy Advance Practice Clinicians as well as me. I am one of the APRNs that responded to the Maryland survey in which as I am sure you are aware 94% of Maryland APRNs who responded were in favor of the APRN Compact legislation. 72% of APRNs who responded stated that they provided nursing care or educational services to individuals living or traveling outside of Maryland in the last 24 months.

I live in Delaware and hold a Multistate license for My RN license BUT am required to have multiple state APRN licenses in the past I have had to keep up (8 required total licensures for advanced practice) including Maryland. I live on the eastern shore border of Delaware and have worked in Maryland, DE, and WV over the past few years. I care for patients living in Maryland currently. I have not been able to keep up with all the multiple state cost fees and requirements and have elected to retire some for now.

It would greatly benefit me and my fellow APRN colleges to be able to remove the bureaucratic red tape that renewing all the licensure at different time and the costs per state that this adds to the Advanced practice nurses. This bill would allow me to continue to have licensures and practice across state line without the ongoing stress of must pay and keep record of every state separately. Maryland has historically led the way in strong support of signature legislation for APRN practice advancements by removing the barrier to practice. Having to keep multiple licenses and restricting practice across state borders is just such a barrier and it is time to adjust the requirements and restrictions of APRN licensure in Maryland. Delaware has already passed this same legislation that, eventual allow all APRN in Maryland that Request the privilege of compact licensure to benefit from the compact legislation.

Please listen to the voices of ALL the APRN groups who are in SUPPORT of this bill, not just opponents who have no other viable solution to offer!

I am asking for a favorable vote on SB 359.

Thank you for your consideration,

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