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**SB 999**  
**Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements**  
**and Administrative Updates**

Good afternoon, Chair Pena Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to you Senate Bill 999, Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates.

SB 999 is the result of the workgroup convened by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) in conjunction with the Maryland Board of Nursing at the request of this Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. This bill seeks to align Maryland with other states to allow a certified nursing assistant to work in all settings.

This bill will ensure that those individuals who have successfully completed a training program after October 1, 2025 will satisfy the federal requirements and will be able to work in all settings, providing greater flexibility for the assistants and ease the burden on nursing facilities.

SB 999 passed the Senate 45 to 0 in the same posture as HB 1125 its cross-file, voted “Favorable with Amendment” by this Committee, and passed the House, 128 to 0.

I respectfully request a “Favorable Report” on SB 999.