



Board of Nursing

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February 9, 2024

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 959 – Health Occupations - Certified Dialysis Technicians - Continuing Education Requirement – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) respectfully submits this letter of support for House Bill (HB) 959 – Health Occupations - Certified Dialysis Technicians - Continuing Education Requirement. This bill alters the continuing education requirement for certified dialysis technicians (CDTs) to require 3 hours of continuing education approved by the Board.

During the 2022 legislative session, House Bill (HB) 218, Chapter 681 was enacted, requiring the Board to develop regulations that establish CDTs as a separate certification. This legislation also requires CDTs to complete a 3 – hour continuing education course approved by the Board as a condition of certification renewal. Presently, there are no state or national agencies that offer a 3 – hour continuing education course of study for dialysis technicians. The proposed legislation would amend Health Occupations Article §8–6A–08, which governs the renewal qualifications for dialysis technicians, by requiring these certificate holders to complete a total of 3 hours of continuing education, allowing for more continuing education options required for certification renewal. The statutory change will allow CDTs to enroll in seminars and self – study courses that are provided by certain entities.

For the reasons discussed above, the Maryland Board of Nursing respectfully submits this letter of support for HB 959.

I hope this information is useful. For more information, please contact Ms. Mitzi Fishman, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-585-2049 or mitzi.fishman@maryland.gov, or Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, at 410-585-1953 or rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hicks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary N. Hicks
Board President

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