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Members of the Committee:

I am asking for your support for **HB425: Advance Practice Registered Nurse Compact**.

I have been a nurse practitioner for over 20 years and before that an ER nurse - and a traveling nurse during that time. And trust me, I know how beneficial an APRN compact will be for me specifically and most Maryland APRNs.

We move, our patients move (or are snowbirds and students) and as the state laws stand, if my patients need me to refill prescriptions or treat an infection, I cannot do so unless I have a license in whatever state they happen to be in (but as an RN, I can reach my patients via telehealth or cross state lines to provide the care that is needed, as Maryland RNs have compact licenses!).

At over \$100 a license and more for the various continuing education requirements for each state (An example of an individual APRN's cost of doing business without a compact license follows); and the time it takes to go through the license process in each state (often 2-6 months) – it is impossible for me to give the level of care I want to offer to my patients.

Not an ideal situation especially if we add in finding a new provider - these days is almost impossible and finding a compassionate one... well we are losing primary care providers by the 100s due to burn out. And after over 30 years in this business, I understand and sometimes feel the same!

I have heard some concerns that the 2080 hours requirement may be burdensome to some APRNs. I am not worried about this requirement, as

1. It is not a transition to practice, all Maryland APRNs can start seeing their patients safely the day after they pass the national board examination.
2. Over 90% of Maryland APRNs will be eligible to apply for this voluntary compact license when the compact becomes active.

Simply put, I would like you to vote to support HB425: *Advance Practice Registered Nurse Compact*.

Feel free to contact me with questions, comments, or concerns,

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Compact vs single licensing fees: 3 scenarios*

Compact license fee, based in Maryland:

- Total cost for initial licenses \$135, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$146, CE cost annually \$1050

Working in outpatient care on a border of Maryland

- MD/DC: total cost for initial licenses \$560, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$459, CE cost annually \$1680
- MD/PA: total cost for initial licenses \$257, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$268, CE cost annually \$1050
- MD/DE: total cost for initial licenses \$405, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$316, CE cost annually \$1050
- MD/VA: total cost for initial licenses \$287, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$226, CE cost annually \$1050

Working at a large inpatient hospital setting where patients travel for advanced care - MD with multiple randomly chosen (7) states:

- Total cost for initial licenses \$1996, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$1246, CE cost annually \$1750

Working with college patients and/or snowbirds (MD with FL & NC):

- Total cost for initial licenses \$522, total cost for renewal every 2 years \$256, CE cost annually \$1750

*All prices discovered with google search and not verified with individual nursing boards.