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Testimony

HB602 State Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty Certification - Reciprocity Discussions (Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)

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What This Bill Does

HB 602 will increase the number of Advance Practice Nurses in the state through a reciprocal agreement between a neighboring state.

Why We Need This Bill

Last year we passed into law **HB146 – Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure & Certification** which allows health occupation boards such as the Board of Pharmacy, Board of Physicians, Board of Nursing, and many more, to issue licenses by reciprocity with our bordering states.

This bill requires the State Board of Nursing (MBON) to start the process of having discussions with the state Boards of Nursing in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. It provides them a four-year period to conduct the discussions with a report submitted each year.

This bill will help improve patient Access to Care for all Marylanders.

I respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on **HB602**