



# Board of Nursing

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March 4, 2026

The Honorable Kriselda Valderrama  
Chair, Education, Economic Matters Committee  
230 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 1120 – Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses**

Dear Chair Valderrama and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for HB 1120 Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses.

This bill allows for portability of licensure and certification for Foreign Service members and their spouses. This is an admirable goal, and one that the Board supports both as a means of fair treatment to that community and as a tool to combat the workforce shortage in our state, making it easier for those concerned to come and practice in Maryland in a safe manner. However, there were a few technical items that the Board felt should be corrected before its passage. After discussions with the sponsor, amendments have been made to the bill that addressed our concerns.

For these reasons, the Board supports HB 1120 as amended and respectfully requests a favorable report by the committee.

Thank you again for your time. For more information, please contact Ms. Mitzi Fishman, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-585-2049 or [mitzi.fishman@maryland.gov](mailto:mitzi.fishman@maryland.gov), or Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, at 410-585-1953 or [rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov](mailto:rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Board President

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