



Board of Nursing

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February 12, 2026

The Honorable Brian Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 242 – Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act

Dear Chair Feldman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments for HB 242 Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act.

This bill allows for portability of licensure and certification for uniformed service members and their spouses, codifying the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act in State law. 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 are a few technical items that the Board feels should be corrected before its passage. The Board's amendments do not make substantive changes to the bill, only clarifying existing law in the new language. The amendments are as follows:

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(A) AN ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER OR THE SPOUSE OF AN ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBER WHO RELOCATES TO THE STATE BECAUSE OF ORDERS FOR SERVICE AND HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER JURISDICTION **WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES** MAY PRACTICE IN THE STATE UNDER THE LICENSE FOR THE DURATION OF THE ORDERS IF:

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(j) “Mentor” means [a certified registered nurse practitioner or a licensed physician] AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING OR MEDICINE AS A **CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR LICENSED PHYSICIAN** IN THE STATE:

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(3) A student who is practicing certified midwifery while engaged in an approved clinical midwifery education experience under the supervision of [a licensed certified midwife or a licensed nurse certified as a nurse–midwife] **AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE ~~DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY AS A LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIFE~~ OR NURSING AS A CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE IN THE STATE;** or

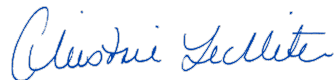
(4) An individual who has graduated from a graduate level accredited program for midwifery education approved by ACME, and who is:

(i) Practicing certified midwifery under the supervision of [a licensed certified midwife or a licensed nurse certified as a nurse–midwife] **AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE ~~DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY AS A LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIFE~~ OR NURSING AS A CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE IN THE STATE;** and

For all of these reasons, the Board supports HB 242 and respectfully requests an amendment to reflect the changes the Board has detailed in this letter.

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, or Ms. Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, at 410-585-1953 or rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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