



Board of Nursing

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The Honorable Delegate Heather Bagnall
Chair, Health Committee
6 Bladen Street House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1118 – Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations - Perinatal Mental Health Conditions

Dear Chair Bagnall and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for HB 1118 Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations - Perinatal Mental Health Conditions. This bill seeks to address gaps in perinatal mental health care through early identification, referrals, and importantly for the Board, provider training. The Board strongly supports efforts to enhance the standards of care for perinatal mental health in the State, and recognizes the importance of improving healthcare outcomes for Maryland residents by ensuring that mental health support is integrated into standard perinatal care.

The Board has worked with the sponsor to include amendments that would allow, but not require, health occupations boards already mandating continuing education for renewal to incorporate these credits in their existing continuing education framework at their discretion.

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,

Christine Lechliter
Board President

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