



**Committee:** Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 476

**Title:** Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks

**Date:** February 16, 2021

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 476 – Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks*. The bill clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), just as other types of nurses, can delegate nursing tasks.

MNA supports this legislation because nurses, including APRNs, must make decisions about delegation every day in all health care environments. The bill makes it clear when delegation of routine tasks is appropriate to ability: 1) when the nurse must be on-site; and 2) the nurse has determined that the individual has the training to complete the delegated task.

This bill will also provide clarity to health facilities and programs, as they will understand how nurses can delegate to assistants and other similar personnel. This information is critical as health care facilities plan on how to structure their care teams.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.