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Bill: Senate Bill 159/House Bill 462- *Health Occupations – Authorized Prescribers – Reporting of Financial Gratuities or Incentives*

Position: OPPOSE

The Nurse Practitioner Association of MD (NPAM) **opposes** Senate Bill 159/House Bill 462.

Senate Bill 159/House Bill 462 requires all authorized prescribers, which includes Nurse Practitioners (NP), to file with their health occupations board a financial disclosure reporting anything of value received from a pharmaceutical distributor or manufacturer.

MPMA does not object to the disclosure of this information, but strongly objects to the reporting of information for a second time that is already well within the public domain. Indeed, a federal database already exists containing this exact information. It can be found at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/>, and lists anything valued at \$11 or more. The system was altered in 2021 to include NP's. Therefore, the database, comprised of the same information, is already made available at the federal level and is accessible.

While NPAM would be happy to entertain a potential amendment, like those that passed the Senate linking the federal database to physician profiles, it is unknown whether this is something the Board of Nursing can do.

For these reasons, NPAM opposes Senate Bill 159/House Bill 462.

Thank you,

Kindest Regards,

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