



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 367 - Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Hearing Date: February 11, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 367 - Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing*. The bill will streamline the licensure of nursing applicants by: 1) Providing more options for applicants to demonstrate English proficiency; and 2) Removing barriers for nurses with unencumbered licenses from compact states in obtaining Maryland licensure.

This legislation will attract qualified nurses to practice in Maryland. As we continue to face a challenging nursing shortage, ACNM supports any bill that will increase the number of qualified nurses in the state.

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