



The Honorable Brian Frosh, Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Maggie MacIntosh, Chair
House Environmental Matters Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 1339/SB 807 – Drivers' Licenses - Disorder, Disease, or Physical Disability
Identification, Disclosure, and Reporting (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chairpersons Frosh and McIntosh, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland represents over 500 members and approximately 4,100 nurse practitioners in Maryland, we are pleased to offer our support of HB 1339/SB 807 which would extend immunity from a civil lawsuit filed against a health care provider by a patient who is reported to the MVA for medical review. Current law extends this immunity only to physicians.

Nurse practitioners are master's degree or doctoral prepared advanced practice nurses who provide health care to all segments of the population. With over 4,000 certified nurse practitioners in Maryland, we believe this bill reflects the changing landscape of health care and provides for a definition that is consistent with today's realities.

The Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland is committed to improving the health of Maryland citizens through professional representation and legislative advocacy for nurse practitioners across the state. Thank you for considering our comments and ask the committee for a favorable vote on **HB 1339/SB 807**. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NPAM Executive Director, Beverly Lang, at 410-404-1747 or NPAMExDir@npedu.com.

Sincerely,

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