



Senate Bill 359 -- *Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact*
Senate Finance Committee
February 13, 2024
Support

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports Senate Bill 359 -- *Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact*.

Senate Bill 359 enters Maryland into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (APRN) and establishes procedures and requirements for an APRN nurse to practice under a multistate license in other participating states.

Maryland and other states in our region continue to grapple with a shortage of frontline health care workers. These shortages are most acutely felt in nursing, an issue that imperils patient access to quality care. The innovative approach in this bill offers a viable solution to the growing nursing shortage by providing the tools necessary to hire nurses and enable telehealth for local practitioners. The bill also reflects our regional economy and the ability for our residents to be able to find health care locally.

With this approach, nurses could seamlessly practice across state lines, filling critical gaps in areas experiencing shortages. The heart of every thriving economy is a healthy workforce. It is important to the business community that the systems delivering health care have the resources and talent required to meet the needs of our community.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber supports Senate Bill 359 and requests a favorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our nearly 500 members, advocates for growth in business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and a proud Montgomery County Green Certified Business.

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