

## **MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING 2022 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

During the 2022 Maryland General Assembly session, legislators considered more than 2,500 bills and resolutions. The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) reviewed and prioritized bills each week, focusing on legislation that impacted the Board's mission, operations, licensees, or certificate holders. Below is a snapshot of passed bills that have the most impact.

### **ENACTED BILLS**

**House Bill (HB) 55 ([Chapter 686](#)) Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority, effective October 1, 2022.** This bill authorizes a nurse anesthetist to prescribe, order, and administer drugs, including controlled dangerous substances; and provides that a nurse anesthetist may prescribe drugs only in an amount that does not exceed a 10-day supply, only to an individual with whom the nurse anesthetist has, at the time of prescription, established a client or patient record, and only in connection with the delivery of anesthesia services.

**Senate Bill (SB) 299 ([Chapter 78](#)) Education - Public and Nonpublic Schools - Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh's Act), effective July 1, 2022.** This bill requires a county board of education and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, to require at least two school personnel to complete paid professional development training, administered in person or online, in certain seizure recognition and response methods; requires a public school to require certain school personnel to present, every 2 years, to all school personnel who have direct contact with and supervision of students an abridged version of certain best practices for seizure response; etc.

**House Bill (HB) 218 ([Chapter 681](#)) Health Occupations – Nursing – Dialysis Technicians, effective July 1, 2022.** This bill establishes a separate category of certified dialysis technicians to be certified by the State Board of Nursing; repeals the requirement that a dialysis technician be a certified nursing assistant except under certain circumstances; alters the composition of the Board advisory committee; and authorizes the Board to conduct survey visits of certified dialysis technician training programs.

**House Bill (HB) 246 ([Chapter 345](#)) Open Meetings Act - Notices and Closed Sessions - Retention Periods and Online Posting, effective October 1, 2022.** This bill alters from 1 year to 3 years the period of time a public body is required to retain a

certain notice and a certain written statement under the Open Meetings Act; and requires a public body, to the extent practicable, to post a certain written closing statement online.

**House Bill (HB) 625 ([Chapter 707](#))/ Senate Bill (SB) 440 ([Chapter 708](#)) Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland - Establishment, effective May 29, 2022.** This bill establishes the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards; and requires the Commission to submit its final report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2023.

**Senate Bill (SB) 696 ([Chapter 314](#)) Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff - Program Establishment and Funding, effective July 1, 2022.** This bill establishes the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff to assist certain nurses and nursing support staff with the repayment of certain education loans; establishes the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Fund for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff; and requires the Maryland Department of Health to convene a certain stakeholder workgroup for a certain purpose.

**House Bill (HB) 1208 ([Chapter 675](#)) Health Occupations - Health Care Workforce Expansion, effective July 1, 2022.** This bill establishes requirements for the State Board of Nursing related to the expansion of the workforce in nursing-related fields; provides a State income tax credit for licensed practical nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and registered nurses; establishes the Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund to offset the costs of the tax credit available for the preceptorship program; establishes a workgroup to study expanding the State apprenticeship programs to the health care workforce; etc.

**Senate Bill (SB) 183 ([Chapter 115](#)) State Government - Information Technology - Review of Projects and Proposals, effective October 1, 2022.** This bill alters the information technology proposals about which a unit of State government is required to advise the Secretary of Information Technology to include those involving the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of communications sites, communications facilities, or communications frequencies for certain purposes.

**Senate Bill (SB) 812 ([Chapter 242](#)) State Government - Cybersecurity - Coordination and Governance, effective July 1, 2022.** This bill establishes the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology; establishes the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; requires certain IT units to certify compliance with certain cybersecurity standards; requires each unit of the Executive Branch of State government and certain local entities to report certain cybersecurity incidents in a certain manner; requires the Department of General Services to establish certain basic security requirements in be included in certain contracts; etc.