

Chapter 673

(House Bill 602)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Nursing – Advanced Practice Nursing Licensure and Specialty
Certification – Reciprocity Discussions
(Maryland Border States Advanced Practice Nursing Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Nursing to hold discussions with certain jurisdictions to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification; and generally relating to the State Board of Nursing.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That:

(a) The State Board of Nursing shall hold discussions with the state nursing licensing boards for Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pursue reciprocity agreements for advanced practice nursing licensure and specialty certification.

(b) The Board shall prioritize collaboration with each specified jurisdiction to facilitate the establishment of mutual and reciprocal licensure recognition arrangements in order to:

- (1) increase access to qualified advanced practice registered nurses;
- (2) enhance licensure portability; and
- (3) provide ease of telehealth access in the State and surrounding jurisdictions.

(c) On or before November 1, 2025, and each November 1 thereafter for the next 4 years, the Board shall submit a report regarding the discussions required under subsection (a) of this section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, that includes:

- (1) the status of reciprocity discussions with each specified jurisdiction;
- (2) any agreements reached and the terms, if any;
- (3) any challenges encountered during negotiations; and

(4) recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes necessary to facilitate reciprocity of nursing licenses.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.