



April 27, 2021

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable Melissa Minor-Brown
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for HB 141 APRN Compact Companion Bill

Dear Representative Minor-Brown,

*Alfred I. duPont Hospital
for Children*

Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations

Thank you for being the lead House sponsor of House Bill 141, the companion bill to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact bill (HB 21). DHA supports this important bill.

Bayhealth

Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

Like many licensure compacts, the APRN Compact legislation must be adopted as is, without tweaks or changes that tie it in to the practices of the adopting state. HB 141 plays an important role in aligning the Delaware Board of Nursing statute with the APRN Compact to advance APRN practice through elimination of barriers and improving access to care for Delawareans. This bill and the APRN Compact grant full practice authority with licensure and remove the onerous requirement for the Division of Professional Regulation to maintain a record of a collaborative practice agreement on file for licensed APRNs. With nearly 2500 active APRNs currently licensed in Delaware, we cannot afford to continue with ineffective and unfounded barriers to practice in place. DHA supports HB 141 as an additional step to seamlessly join Delaware as an APRN Compact state, with the goal of providing greater access to proven high-quality care for patients.

Beebe Healthcare

David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
President & CEO

ChristianaCare

Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO

DHA is pleased to support HB 141 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

TidalHealth Nanticoke

Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO

Saint Francis Healthcare

Brandon S. Harvath,
President & COO

Sincerely,

Wilmington Veterans

Affairs Medical Center
Vincent Kane
Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

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Delaware Healthcare

Association
Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and advocates for policies that create an environment enabling every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.