



The Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists

# SUPPORT HB55 & SB312

NURSE ANESTHETISTS DRUG AUTHORITY AND COLLABORATION

## WHAT ARE HB55 & SB312? ►

Under current Maryland law, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) may select and administer "anesthetic agents," but the code is silent with respect to ordering and administering other drugs. **This legislation would codify current practices and additionally allow CRNAs to prescribe preoperatively and postoperatively for up to 10 days of medication to an established patient in connection with delivery of anesthesia services.**

## WHY PASS HB55 & SB312? ►

**CRNAs are highly educated anesthesia experts who provide every type of anesthesia for patients** of all ages, for any kind of procedure, and in every healthcare setting.

**Over 27 states** have already taken the step to provide CRNAs the authority to prescribe life-saving and critical medication for the effective and safe administration of anesthesia.

It's time Maryland catches up. **House Bill 55 and Senate Bill 312 do just that.**

**Provide clarity over prescriptive authority and allow CRNAs to improve patient care**

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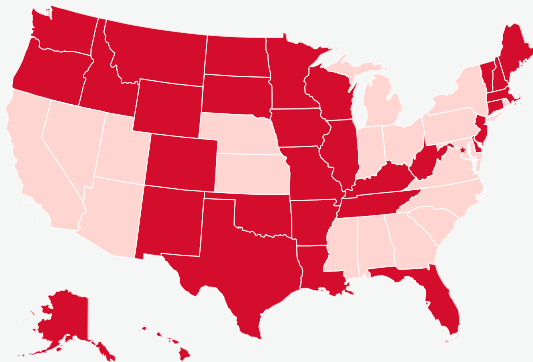
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## WHO ARE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS?

CRNAs must first graduate with a nursing degree, which includes at least 4 years of health care education. They then must obtain an average of 2.9 years of nursing experience in a critical care unit such as an ICU prior to starting anesthesia school (24-48 months). This equates to between 7 to 8.5 years of education and training, with an average of 9,369 clinical hours of training and hands-on experience with patients of all ages and medical conditions prior to being board certified.

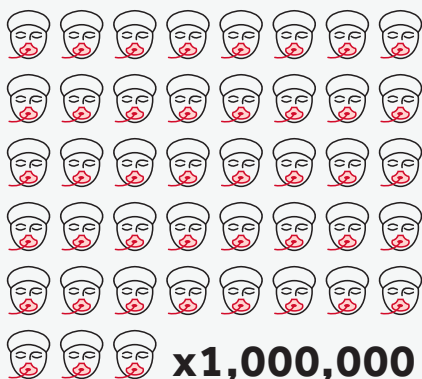


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## 900+ CRNAs

Over 900 Maryland CRNAs – advanced practice registered nurses with specialized graduate level education in anesthesiology – administer anesthesia across the state of Maryland.



## 43 million Procedures

CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year across all fifty states, territories, and Washington, DC.

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