

House Committee Health and Human Services
RI State House
82 Smith Street
Providence RI 02903

February 24, 2025

Re: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 5428 entitled An act relating to the business and professions- nurses

Dear Chairperson Donovan and members of the HHS Committee,

I am Nicole Authelet, a Physician Assistant working at The Miriam Hospital in cardiology. Although I am originally from Warwick, RI (district 22), I have lived in Boston, MA for over four years and continue to commute to Providence, RI for my career.

I oppose bill H5428, titled: An act relating to the business and professions- nurses.

I oppose this bill as this limitation of nursing scope of practice will significantly impact access to care throughout the state in many emergent and critical care domains. Although I am a current resident of Boston, MA and surrounded by several major healthcare systems, I choose to work in Rhode Island due to the superior care our systems provide. Passing this bill would change the dynamics of the healthcare system in RI and limit patients' access to procedures they may need.

I urge you to vote against bill 5428.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak against bill 5428. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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