

Testimony on H7029
An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Nurses

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Chairperson Donovan and Members of the Committee,

My name is Myles Brawn-Husband, and I am a resident of Warwick. I am writing today to urge your support for House Bill 7029.

This legislation is vital for families like mine who care for loved ones with complex needs. I see the necessity for this bill through the lens of two people very dear to me: my grandfather and my brother.

My grandfather is a veteran who served our country with honor. Now, in his later years, he faces mobility challenges that make traveling to a specialist for basic foot care a grueling task. Additionally, my brother, Major, has autism. For him, the sensory overload of a traditional clinical setting—the travel, the waiting room, and the unfamiliar environment—can be distressing and a significant barrier to receiving care.

For both a veteran with limited mobility and an individual with autism, routine foot and nail care is a medical necessity, not a luxury. When this care cannot be provided safely at home, it leads to neglect or dangerous "at-home" attempts by untrained friends or family members that can result in infections and hospitalizations.

H7029 provides a compassionate, professional solution by allowing Certified Foot Care Nurses to provide this preventative care in a familiar, low-stress environment. This bill ensures that our veterans and those with sensory or mobility challenges receive the dignity and professional care they deserve.

I respectfully ask the committee to grant H7029 a favorable recommendation. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to all Rhode Islanders.

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