

To: Members, House Health Policy Committee
From: Adam Carlson, Senior Director of Government and Political Affairs
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Re: House Bill 5929
Position: Support

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association supports House Bill (HB) 5929, sponsored by Rep. Mary Whiteford (R-Casco Twp.). This bill would remove the reciprocity sunset for health professional applicants who are registered in Canada when applying for a license in Michigan provided the standards are equivalent. The sunset has already been extended previously. HB 5929 would remove the sunset completely and modernize statute to prevent continuous legislation to extend the date.

Canadian health care reciprocity has been around since 2002 when Public Act 441 extend the Public Health Code's endorsement procedure to licensed Canadian health care professionals for individuals licensed, registered, or certified that previously had been reserved only for health professionals from other U.S. states. This concept assists in managing shortages of health professionals in Michigan especially in rural and underserved areas.

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