



ACTION ALERT

TANA Supports Task Force Bill Scheduled for Senate Government Health Next Week!

Senator Becky Massey is sponsoring SB 1979 that would create a multi-disciplinary task force to make recommendations for the improvement of healthcare in Tennessee, including allowing healthcare providers to work to the full extent of their education, training and certification as well as identifying best practices and potential public policy options. It passed the Senate Government Operations Committee on a unanimous vote. The bill is now scheduled to be heard in Senate Health on Wednesday, February 10 at 12:30pm.

TANA supports SB 1979/HB 2088 and urges you to contact legislators to share your support of the bill. The task force is the right approach for a meaningful discussion of issues related to the access and delivery of high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for all Tennesseans.

If your Senator sits on the Senate Health Committee, we URGE you to contact him or her by Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00am. Here is a link to Senate Health Committee members:

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/health-welfare.html>. We also expect the House version of the bill (HB 2088) to be in the House Health Subcommittee in the coming weeks. Here is a link to House Health Subcommittee members:

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-health.html>

Need help finding your legislator: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/legislators/>.

If your legislator does not sit on either the Senate or House Health Committees, we still URGE you to reach out to your Senator and Representative and ask them to vote in favor of SB 1979/HB 2088 when it comes each chamber for a final vote.

To assist you in contacting your legislator, below is a sample letter. All you need to do is: 1) fill in the information below, 2) copy & paste and 3) e-mail to your legislator.

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

I am writing to ask for your support of SB 1979 by Senator Becky Massey/ HB 2088 by Representative Jeremy Faison. The bill would create a multi-disciplinary task force to make recommendations for the improvement of healthcare in Tennessee, including allowing healthcare providers to work to the full extent of their education, training and certification as well as identifying best practices and potential public policy options.

I am a healthcare professional, as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. For the past (____) years, I have worked as a CRNA in (name of city/town). I provide anesthesia and related services at (describe your practice setting). I (live and/or practice) in your district, and I work daily to provide safe and high-quality healthcare. I support the task force and urge you VOTE for SB 1979/HB 2088.

Thank you,
(CRNA Name)