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POSITION PAPER**

BILL NO: SB 139

COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

POSITION: Support

TITLE: Interstate Occupational Therapy License Compact

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill allows the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the “Board”) to join an interstate license compact.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Board is in support of SB 139. During the age of telehealth, and while this country is experiencing a pandemic, it is essential for occupational therapists (OTs) and occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) to treat patients in states that are in need of OTs and OTAs. The Board has spoken to other Boards who are participating in compacts and believe that the positives greatly outweigh any negatives that may come from joining a compact.

The Board feels assured that any financial impact will be minimal and that there will be good communication between the states as far as potential disciplinary issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 139. For more information, please contact the Board’s Executive Director, Lauren Murray at 410-402-8556 or lauren.murray@maryland.gov.

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