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POSITION PAPER**

BILL NO: SB 313
COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
POSITION: Support with Amendment

TITLE: Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill allows certain information regarding cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) supports SB 313 Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia with an amendment. On page 2, line 2 under Section 18-110(1) it reads, “Education Health Care Providers Regarding:” The Board requests the bill be amended to state, 18-110(1) “Education Health Care Providers **and Family Care Givers.**” Typically, family care givers are not included with health care providers because they are not medical personnel. For this reason, the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists respectfully requests a favorable report with amendment of SB 313.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions about this matter you may contact Danielle Vallone, Acting Executive Director, at 410-764-4734 or Danielle.Vallone@maryland.gov.

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