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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

**Re: SB 894-Post Crisis Jobs Act of 2021-Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Kelley and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy is submitting this letter of information for Senate Bill (SB) 894 - Post Crisis Jobs Act of 2021.

The Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occ., Sec. 12-508(b)(2)(ii), requires that pharmacists who administer vaccinations maintain an active CPR certification obtained through "in-person classroom instruction." The purpose of the in-person requirement is to ensure that pharmacists are assessed on their hands-on mechanical skills for the proper application of chest compressions. The Board is generally supportive of digital learning as a medium for education and is similarly supportive of the ability of pharmacists to obtain CPR certification through digital learning, but only if it includes a mechanism to assess the pharmacist's mechanical skills.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 410-764-4753 or [deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov](mailto:deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

**DEENA SPEIGHTS-NAPATA**

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