



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: SB 796 – Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements

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Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 796 – Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements*. MOTA supports State and community efforts to ensure the health care practitioner community reflects the racial and ethnic composition of their patient bases. To be effective in these efforts, we need data on the diversity of our current workforce. This legislation will provide that data through the collection of information from the health occupation boards. Licensees and certificate holders can provide this information on a voluntary basis in initial and renewal applications.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.