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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 164

Madam Chair and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee, I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 164 – Veterans – Behavioral Health Services – Mental Health First Aid.

Senate Bill 164 would require that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid and would require that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The bill would also require entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department.