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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 757 – *State Board of Physicians – Supervised Medical Graduates and Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists (Bridge to Medical Residency Act)*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** House Bill 757.

This legislation will permit a medical school graduate that has completed their medical education but has not matched for a medical residency the opportunity to continue their training under the supervision of a licensed physician while they wait to match for a residency. A medical residency is a period of intense training that all medical school graduates must undergo in order to become a licensed physician, and it is one of the most important distinctions between physicians and every other health occupation.

House Bill 757 does not excuse the requirement of completing a medical residency. Students who serve as a supervised medical graduate would still have to complete a residency, but this legislation provides them with the opportunity to care for patients while they await that portion of the training.

As this status as a supervised medical graduate is not intended to be permanent but only temporary, MedChi asks that an amendment be included to limit the time that a student may serve in this capacity to 2-3 years. If the person has not placed for a residency within that time frame, which would be extremely rare, then they should adjust their career plans accordingly.

With this amendment, MedChi supports House Bill 757.