



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 232 - Physicians and Allied Health Professions - Reorganization and Revisions

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 232 Physicians and Allied Health Professions - Reorganization and Revisions. This bill will restructure the Board of Physicians' (Board) statute to remove inconsistent and redundant language. These changes are the result of the HB 560/SB 395 (2020) legislation which required the Board to submit recommendations to improve consistency in the Board's statute. The Department appreciates the hard work the Board has done on this legislation and supports this reorganization to make their statute more efficient.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary