



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

February 13, 2020

The Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: Senate Bill 355 – Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Pinsky:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of support for Senate Bill 355 – Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations.

By homogenizing the requirements for pharmacists to administer vaccines, this bill will create a less burdensome framework for pharmacists to navigate when administering vaccinations. By lowering the minimum patient age from 11 years to 9 years, the Board believes that this measure will expand access to necessary care. This promotes the Board’s mission of promoting quality health care in the field of pharmacy. For these reasons, the Board of Pharmacy supports this measure.

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.

Sincerely,

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