



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Bill Number: Senate Bill 732

Title: Health Occupations – Athletic Training – Revisions

Hearing Date: February 26, 2020

Position: Support with Amendment

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 576 – Health Occupations – Athletic Training – Revisions*. The bill expands the type of patients to whom athletic trainers can provide services. The bill also removes setting restrictions and proposes general updates to the language.

MOTA supports updating the statute for athletic trainers, as we recognize that some of the statutory framework is awkward. We also agree that there is some room for expanding the types of patients who athletic trainers can treat.

As introduced, MOTA thinks the bill is too broad and extends the practice of athletic training beyond the education of athletic trainers. We have been involved in discussions with the bill sponsor, the athletic trainers, and other stakeholders. We are making progress on discussion about amendments. The goal is for all stakeholders to agree to a set of amendments. We would be happy to keep the committee posted about our progress.

If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.