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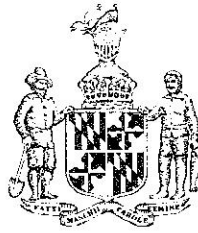
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SUPPORT HB 259

Health Occupations – Diagnostic Evaluation and
Treatment of Patients – Disciplinary Actions

HB 259 will provide patients access to diagnostic evaluation and treatments that are integrative, complementary, alternative or nonconventional.

Healthcare practitioners must disclose to patients that the diagnostic and evaluation treatments are integrative, complementary, alternative or nonconventional. The patient or patient's parent, guardian or legal representative must sign a consent form prior to care delivery.

Physicians will use a reasonable basis for diagnosis or treatments. The Board of Physicians will be able to discipline physicians who intend to defraud patients or use substandard practices and care.

Diseases such as tickborne illnesses are finding great success outside of traditional medical treatments. Patients have very little access to nontraditional care by integrative medical providers today in Maryland.

HB 259 will help patients get the care they want and need.

The sponsors of SB 103, the cross-file to HB 259, and I will be working with advocates and those concerned entities to reach a consensus on these very important bills.

Please vote favorably on HB 259