

House Bill 1462

Public Health - Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program - Revisions

March 11, 2020

Position: SUPPORT

Madame Chair and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

The *Restaurant Association of Maryland* supports House Bill 1462, which would allow foodservice facilities to participate in a voluntary Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program.

Such a voluntary program will allow restaurants that meet program requirements to obtain and store auto-injectable epinephrine to help customers who may be experiencing anaphylaxis as a result of a food allergy. This program also requires participants to complete educational training approved by the Maryland Department of Health. We appreciate that current law for this program includes legal immunities for program participants acting in good faith.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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