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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 305 – *State Board of Physicians – Dispensing Permits*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** Senate Bill 305, which transfers the authority to conduct inspections from the Maryland Office of Controlled Substance Administration (OCSA) to the Maryland Board of Physicians (Board). Senate Bill 305 does not make any additional changes to the standards or qualifications necessary to obtain a physician dispensing permit but does still require that, if a violation is found, a report will be issued to OCSA.

MedChi believes that the Board is well-situated to conduct these inspections given that it currently has inspection authority for physician practices. We believe that Senate Bill 305 will create a more cohesive regulatory process. Therefore, MedChi supports Senate Bill 305 and urges a favorable vote.

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