

## **Maryland Occupational Therapy Association**

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**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 378 - Maryland Health Care Commission – Palliative Care

Services - Workgroup

Hearing Date: March 24, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 378* – *Maryland Health Care Commission* – *Palliative Care Services* – *Workgroup*. Occupational therapy practitioners are focused on ensuring our patients can live as independently as possible, as this improves their health outcomes and quality of life. Palliative care is essential for people with serious illnesses, as their symptoms can seriously impact their ability to perform even the most basic of tasks. We support the bill because it could lead to ensuring more Marylanders have access to palliative care.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <a href="mailto:relliott@policypartners.net">relliott@policypartners.net</a> or (443) 926-3443.