



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

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The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 402 - Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment Earnings Limitation – COVID-19 Exemption - Letter of Support

Dear Chair McIntosh and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this letter of support on Senate Bill (SB) 402 - Employee's Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment Earnings Limitation - COVID-19 Exemption. SB 402 seeks to exempt certain retirees of the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems from a certain earnings limitation when the retiree is reemployed by certain previous employers for a certain time period to assist with the administration of six (6) certain grants or benefits related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MDH supports this legislation as it appropriately captures all retired state employees who returned to state service at MDH and played an integral role in the COVID-19 response.

MDH respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 402. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Shek, Director of Governmental Affairs, at heather.shek@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Schrader
Secretary