

Letter of Information – House Bill 454 – Health Occupations - Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations - Immigrants

Health and Government Operations Committee

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The Comptroller’s Office would like to thank the sponsors for bringing this bill, which was brought to our attention by Public Policy Partners. House Bill 454 would prohibit health occupations boards from denying a license, certification, or registration for an immigrant without citizenship given that they meet necessary requirements for licensure, certification, or registration.

This legislation does not directly impact the core mission of the Comptroller Office, which is revenue collection. The Comptroller’s Office stands ready to assist individuals seeking to renew or apply for a license, certification, or registration that rests on their ‘good standing’ with the state’s tax authority, based on their Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). However, it is worth noting that individuals who have never worked in the United States previously – and therefore, would not *have* either an SSN or ITIN – would not be reviewable by the Comptroller’s Office in this manner.

As always, the Comptroller’s Office is willing and available to discuss these concerns or any questions you may have at your convenience. Please contact Caroline Bauk, Government Affairs Associate at cbauk@marylandtaxes.gov.

