HB0427 - Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity

Committee: Judiciary Date: February 17, 2023 POSITION: Support

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

We as physicians, nurses, emergency responders, and other health professionals, support HB0427 / SB0546 Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity as a measure to reduce barriers to care for those seeking help in a medical emergency. Specifically, we believe that this bill will encourage more victims of opioid overdoses to seek the care that they need. Opioid overdoses have reached crisis levels in recent years and we believe every reasonable measure must be taken to address this public health emergency which is killing more than 2000 Marylanders every year.

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