



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: SB 926 - State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Reimbursement
COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment
POSITION: Letter of Information

POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is respectfully submitting this letter of information for Senate Bill (SB) 926 - State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Reimbursement. SB 926 requires the Attorney General to notify certain State entities if a court orders that the State may not require a person to possess a specified permit, license, or certificate and for the State entity to reimburse certain costs upon request.

The Board would like to clarify that all licensure fees collected by the Board for the health occupations under the Board's jurisdiction are used to cover the direct and indirect costs of maintaining the Board's operations, as established in statute; *see* Health Occupations § 14-207(b)(2).

The Board does not have a position on SB 926 nor foresee a court order impacting the health occupations regulated by the Board. However, as all fees are set at a rate to cover the cost of maintaining the Board's operations, any reimbursement could lead to a negative operating budget for the Board and potentially impact the Board's ability to conduct investigations and protect the public.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Matthew Dudzic, Manager of Policy and Legislation, 410-764-5042 or Madeline DelGreco, Health Policy Analyst, 443-591-9082.

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