

MARYLAND RETAILERS ALLIANCE

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**SB821 Maryland Insurance Administration – Professional
Employer Organizations – Study
Finance Committee
February 16th, 2024**

Position: Favorable

Background: SB821 would require the Maryland Insurance Administration to study professional employer organizations in the State to review regulations, history, health plans, membership requirements, regulatory structures in other states, and determine the potential impact of proposed statutory changes in the State relating to the offering of health coverage by professional employer organizations on the small group market in the State.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Alliance strongly supports SB821 which would explore options for allowing certain membership organizations to offer healthcare plans for their members. Our members, particularly small business owners, regularly request an affordable healthcare plan as a benefit option that they could provide to their employees through our organization. We would strongly urge the Committee to consider any policies that would allow membership organizations to reduce healthcare costs for businesses by offering group rates or plan options for members.

Thank you for your consideration.