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BILL NO: SB 243
COMMITTEE: HGO
POSITION: Support

TITLE: State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee – Sunset Extension

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill is for the continuation of the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Committee.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Board supports SB 243.

The Board has supported and included the Behavioral Analysts Advisory Committee in the business of the Board. There are no deficiencies at present to correct. Continuation of the Behavioral Analyst Advisory Committee will ensure that the Board meets its mission and purpose to protect the citizens of Maryland by licensing and monitoring disciplinary procedures for Behavioral Analysts.

Thank you for considering this testimony. The Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is requesting a favorable report on SB 243. If you require any additional information, please contact the Board’s Legislation/Regulations Committee Chair, Karen Katrinic at karen.katrinic@maryland.gov or call 410-533-1991; or contact the Board’s Legislative Liaison, Lillian Reese at lillian.reese@maryland.gov or call 443-794-4757.

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