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BILL NUMBER: **HB 1123**

POSITION: **Favorable with Amendment**

The Maryland State's Attorneys' Association (MSAA) supports House Bill 1123 with amendments that conform the provisions to those that appear in Senate Bill 181 – a bill dealing with similar issues that was the product of extensive discussion and compromise.

This Committee is familiar with SB 181, and the deliberations that led to the final version of the bill that was reported favorably by this Committee and passed by the Senate. The broad support that bill enjoys from groups that are typically on opposite sides of these issues – MSAA and the Office of the Public Defender (“OPD”) – was the result of significant effort, and MSAA’s request is simply that HB 1123 be amended to reflect this agreement.

The language in the medical parole provisions as amended and passed by the House of Delegates addresses MSAA’s concern with the original language of the bill (language that would have permitted release on medical parole even in the absence of a showing of physical incapability). The geriatric parole provisions in HB 1123, however, require significant amendment to bring in line with the language supported by MSAA and OPD in SB 181. In order to mirror the provisions in SB 181, this Committee must amend HB 1123 to raise the age of consideration to 65, add a prohibition on reconsidering release earlier than five years from a previous denial, and excluding the consideration of individuals required to register pursuant to MD. CODE ANN, CRIM. PROC. § 7-101 *et seq.*

Finally, MSAA supports the inclusion of language that would require, upon the request of a victim or their family, that an individual released on medical or geriatric parole be ordered not have no contact with the victim or their family as a condition of their release.