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The Honorable Melissa R. Wells
Chair, House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
Room 145, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 640 – Mandated Reports, Boards, and Commissions - Revisions – Letter of Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Wells and Committee members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments for House Bill (HB) 640 – Mandated Reports, Boards, and Commissions - Revisions. HB 640 streamlines selected boards and commissions, as well as reporting requirements. This bill would reduce duplicative efforts and allow state agencies to focus their limited resources more effectively.

The Department supports these clarifications and streamlining efforts, with amendments to modify report due dates for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Council and Tax Credit for Preceptors programs, and align the bill with Chapter 605 of the Acts of 2025 (HB 1253), which transfers the Office of Social Equity from the Maryland Cannabis Administration to the newly established Department of Social and Economic Mobility, effective October 1, 2025.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Meghan Lynch, Director of Governmental Affairs at meghan.lynch@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Health

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 640
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 25, in line 2, strike “Maryland Cannabis Administration” and substitute
“DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY”.

Rationale: To align with Chapter 605 of the Acts of 2025 (HB 1253 – Department of Social and Economic Mobility – Established), which, effective October 1, 2025, transferred the Office of Social Equity from the Maryland Cannabis Administration to the newly established Department of Social and Economic Mobility.