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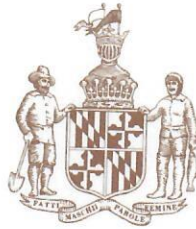
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Vote Yes on Senate Bill SB 522

Bill Title: Behavioral Health Programs - Licensing and Fees

Hearing Date: February 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Chair: Delores G. Kelley, Vice Chair: Brian J. Feldman

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 522. This bill will add a minimal fee to the initial, modification and renewal of licenses for Behavioral Health Programs.

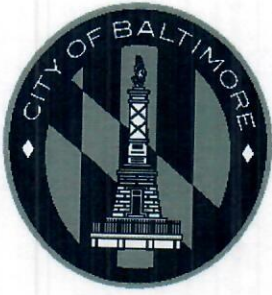
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This bill will provide neighborhoods where Behavioral Health Programs are located in, with the ability to ensure that their communities are safe and clean.

In an effort to advance the goals of the community which include safety and beautification, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 522.

Respectfully,

Cory V. McCray
State Senator



Zeke Cohen

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February 14, 2020

Finance Committee
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RE: Support of Senate Bill 522: Behavioral Health Programs – Licensing and Fees

Chair Delores G.Kelley and Vice-Chair Brian J. Feldman,

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 522. This bill will add a minimal fee to the initial, modification, and renewal of licenses for Behavioral Health Programs.

The safety, cosmetics and the partners in the community are vitally important. The longevity depends on the community and partners working together. As with any partnership, there are moments across the state of Maryland where challenges arise. At the moment these challenges arise, it's important for the community to step up and have the resources to ensure the longevity of the community.

This bill will provide neighborhoods where Behavioral Health Programs are located in, with the ability to ensure that their communities are safe and clean.

In an effort to advance the goals of the community which include safety and beautification, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 522.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zeke Cohen".

Councilmember Zeke Cohen

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February 16, 2020

Chairwoman Delores Kelley, Vice Chairman Brian Feldman and Members

Finance Committee

Maryland State Senate

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Re: Support for Senate Bills 519, 520, 521, 522, lead sponsor Senator Cory McCray

Distinguished Chairwoman Kelley, Vice Chairman Feldman, and Members, Finance Committee: Senator Cory McCray and I represent portions of the same neighborhood and understand that, despite a crucial public need for services, various State health and social service programs compromise their missions by cropping-up without advance notice to surrounding neighbors, a frequent and disrespectful occurrence in our most disadvantaged communities.

Many of such programs actually “victimize” the very persons they are designed to help through inadequate attention and lack of professional oversight. Meanwhile, for lack of notice and discussion, programs are frequently regarded as intrusions and disruptions of neighborhood security.

These four bills address specific improvements which contribute to better treatments for patients and more respectful partnerships with affected neighbors. I urge your support and thank you for your consideration.

Senate Bill 0519. Public Health–Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities – Safety Plan

Bill 519 prohibits licensure until a proposed facility provides a safety plan for its patients and for “the community surrounding the behavioral health program.” This ensures that the community has the chance to negotiate on behalf of itself and on behalf of patients yet to be identified, a process that rarely occurs in my experience. “Earning” licensure in such circumstances is the ideal safeguard for achieving the safety and respect due all parties.

Vote "Yes" on Senate Bill 522

Bill Title: Public Health – Behavioral Health Programs – Licenses and Fees

Hearing Date: February 18, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Chair: Delores G. Kelly, Vice Chair: Brian J. Feldman

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Honorable Representatives,

I am sending written testimony in support of Senate Bill 522. I am the President of the Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association (WNIA). I have a doctorate in Social Anthropology, and am writing today as a community advocate and resident of Baltimore City, in the 45th District

In our communities of northeast Baltimore, we are experiencing a rapid influx of opioid treatment services. In the last year alone, several new substance abuse treatment centers have opened within a one-mile radius, along our neighborhood's portion of the Harford Road commercial corridor. When behavioral health programs are poor neighbors this has an effect on local demographics and criminal activity, and an overall negative social and economic impact.

We would like behavioral health programs in our community to be good neighbors. I support SB 522 because it takes measures to ensure that this is the case. Facilities are more successful in communities that are viable. While substance abuse treatment is important and necessary, communities are impacted by treatment centers. Senate Bill 522 adds a minimal fee to the initial licensing, and to the licensing renewal process, for behavioral health programs. This is used to invest in the communities in which facilities are located – to ensure a viable partnership. This worthy and practical bill gives support to communities that host programs - helping them to stay safe and clean. A stable community will improve the success rate of a treatment program. Thank you for supporting SB 522. This is a bill that makes perfect sense.

Sincerely,



Angela Jancius, Ph.D.

President, Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association (WNIA)

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February 18, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Chairwoman Delores Kelley, Vice Chairman Brian Feldman, and Members of the Committee:

I write to you today in support of Senate Bill 522 Behavioral Health Programs - Licensing and Fees. This bill will add a minimal fee to the initial, modification and renewal of licenses for Behavioral Health Programs.

The safety, cosmetics and the partners of our communities are vitally important, and the upkeep relies on the community and the partners working together. As with any partnership, there are moments across the state of Maryland where challenges occur between the two entities. At the moment it becomes challenging, it's important for the community to step up and have the resources to ensure the longevity of the community.

This bill will provide neighborhoods where Behavioral Health Programs are located in, with the ability to ensure that their communities remain safe and clean.

In an effort to advance the goals of the community which include safety and beautification, I support a favorable report of Senate Bill 522.

Sincerely,

Danielle McCray

Baltimore City Councilwoman - 2nd District



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February 18, 2020

The Honorable Senator Delores G. Kelley
The Honorable Senator Brian J. Feldman

RE: Senate Bill 522

I write to you today in support of Senate Bill 522. This bill will add a minimal fee to the initial, modification and renewal of licenses for Behavioral Health Programs.

The safety, cosmetics and the partners in the community are vitally important. The longevity depends on the community and partners working together. As with any partnership, there are moments across the state of Maryland where there becomes challenges. At the moment it becomes challenging, it's important for the community to step up and have the resources to ensure the longevity of the community.

This bill will provide neighborhoods where Behavioral Health Programs are located in, with the ability to ensure that their communities are safe and clean.

In an effort to advance the goals of the community which include safety and beautification, we hope that you will move for a favorable report of Senate Bill 522.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-4816.

Sincerely,

Eric. T. Costello
Baltimore City Council, 11th District



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BILL NO: Senate Bill 0522
TITLE: Behavioral Health Programs - Licensing and Fees
COMMITTEE: Finance
POSITION: SUPPORT

This bill requires that a Behavioral Health Program be licensed for a maximum of three years and renewal must be made by reapplication only. The bill also established a Behavioral Health Grant Program that provides financial support to local areas to improve and expand their behavioral health programs. I fully support this bill.

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City Councilmen District 8
Baltimore City