



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary*

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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: SB 541 – Mental Health – Involuntary Admissions – Procedures - Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Kelley and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the “Department”) submits this letter of information for Senate Bill (SB) 541 – Mental Health - Involuntary Admissions - Procedures.

The Department already has the authority to promulgate regulations for involuntary admissions and the listed health occupations are within their scope of practice to conduct those evaluations. As such, the Department believes that this bill is unnecessary and is willing to engage stakeholders through the regulatory process to promulgate regulations based on the intent of this bill.

If you would have additional questions, please contact Director of Governmental Affairs, Webster Ye, at (410) 260-3190 or [webster.ye@maryland.gov](mailto:webster.ye@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall  
Secretary