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Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number: HB 364
Title: Hospital and Nursing Facility Workers and Health Care Practitioners - Identification Tags and Badges - Name Requirement
Hearing Date: February 11, 2020
Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 364 – Hospital and Nursing Facility Workers and Health Care Practitioners – Identification Tags and Badges – Name Requirement*. The bill makes a technical correction to existing law. Health care practitioners would have the option of displaying a first or last name, rather than their full name, on their name badges.

This legislation proposes a small clarification of the law, but it has tremendous importance to health care practitioners. Unfortunately, health care settings have become more dangerous. The Joint Commission has released a sentinel event alert to focus attention on the issue. This bill would allow health care providers the option of displaying only part of their name on a badge when they have safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Rachael Faulkner at rfaulkner@policypartners.net or (410) 694-4000.