



Board of Physicians

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

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 502-Public Information Act-Revisions-Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committe Members:

The Maryland Board of Physicians is actively engaged in responding in a timely manner to Public Information Act requests.

HB 502 requires all those governmental units covered by the Maryland Public Information Act “to adopt a policy of proactive disclosure of public records that are available for inspection under this title”.

The bill also requires the Board to publish a report on its website regarding the requests received during the prior calendar year for inspection of public records and is to include: the number of requests received, the number of requests granted or denied within 10 business days, the number of requests granted or denied in more than 30 days and the reasons for the delays, including the number of extensions requested and the number of requests that were subject to dispute resolution.

Further the report is to note the outcome of the requests granted in full, those granted in part, the number of requests denied in full and the total number of requests for which redacted public records were provided and the amount of fees charged and the number of fee waivers granted and a description of efforts by the governmental units to proactively disclose information pursuant to law.

The Board of Physicians will have significant operational and fiscal impacts from enactment of this legislation.

Sincerely,