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POSITION PAPER**

BILL NO: HB 751
COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations
POSITION: Support

TITLE: State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners – License and Registration – Criminal History Records Checks

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 751 (HB 751) lowers the numbers of fingerprints required to be submitted as part of a criminal background check. It also requires the Central Repository to provide to the Board an updated background check under certain circumstances.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Board of Massage Therapy Examiners supports HB 751. The bill will make it easier and faster for applicants to complete a background check, as applicants will only need to submit one set of fingerprints. The bill significantly improves the Board’s ability to monitor licensee’s criminal activity. The Central Repository will now update the Board when there is a change in a licensee’s criminal background. The Board is committed to maintaining professional standards in the practice of massage therapy and protecting the public. The criminal background checks will help the Board meet these goals.

For these reasons the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners requests that HB 751 receive a favorable report.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Paula Jilanis, Board Chair, at 240-727-7294, paula.jilanis@maryland.gov, or the Board’s Executive Director, Ms. Sharon Oliver, at 410-764-5985, sharon.oliver@maryland.gov.

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