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Judiciary Committee

HB 483 Administrative Procedure Act-Dispositions and Summary Suspensions-Time Periods

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Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman and Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Stephanie Troxell and I am here on behalf of Del. Susan Krebs to present **HB 483-Administrative Procedure Act-Dispositions and Summary Suspensions-Time Periods.**

This bill was a result of listening to testimony in her committee, HGO, relating to the various health agencies.

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

This bill addresses the issue of due process and fairness amongst our regulatory licensing boards here in Maryland.

WHAT IS THE NEED FOR THE BILL?

There are certain licensing boards in the State who issue their decisions and dispose of the cases before them in a timely manner.

We are here with this bill, because there are other boards who take months and sometimes years to render a decision, often leaving the licensee to languish both personally and professionally.

HB 483 makes uniform the timing parameters around which our State's licensing boards must issue a decision following a hearing. This would be after an investigation and a proceeding has been completed on which there are no time restrictions.

Once a hearing is concluded and all the evidence has been taken there should be a time certain imposed so the citizens can know where they stand.

I urge the Committee to favorably report HB 483.