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## **2021 Session POSITION PAPER**

**BILL NO: HB 689**  
**COMMITTEE: HGO**  
**POSITION: Support**

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**TITLE:** Certificates for Involuntary Admission – Licensed Certified Social Worker – Clinical

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This bill alters a requirement that a certain certificate accompany an application for involuntary admission to certain facilities by providing that the certificate may be of a physician and a license certified social worker – clinical.

**POSITION AND RATIONALE:** The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the “Board”) supports HB 689.

The Board recognizes the importance of having two qualified health care practitioners sign a certificate for involuntary admission to certain facilities. This bill will enable licensed certified social workers- clinical to join psychologist and psychiatric nurse practitioner as health care practitioners able to sign such involuntary admission certificates, along with a physician.

For this reason, the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners requests a favorable report on HB 689.

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