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## Senate Bill 199

Date: March 22, 2022  
Committee: House Economic Matters Committee  
Bill Title: State Board of Architects-Sunset Extension  
Re: **Letter of Support w/ Amendments**

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The Maryland Board of Architects qualifies and licenses individuals seeking architectural licensure. We also issue permits to businesses practicing architecture. The Board regulates the practice of architecture under the provisions of Business Occupations and Professions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board investigates complaints against licensees, as well as complaints related to unlicensed practice.

The board licenses and ensures regulatory compliance for over 7,600 licensees in the above referenced licensing categories.

The Board investigates complaints against licensees and complaints related to unlicensed practice. The Board may issue a reprimand, suspend, or revoke a license or permit, and/or impose a fine.

The licensing and regulatory enforcement of the statute and regulations set forth by the board ensure that the citizens of Maryland are protected and that the architectural services provided by licensed individuals meet the highest standards of education, training, and competency.

SB 199 was amended by the Senate to reduce the length of the sunset from 10 years, which is standard practice for sunset extensions, to 3 years. This change would bring the Board of Architects out of posture with the other Boards and Commissions overseen by the Department. To that end, the Department would respectfully request that the Sunset date be restored to July 1, 2033.

**For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests the Committee consider restoring the bill to its original posture and providing a favorable report with amendments from the Committee on Senate Bill 199.**