

Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401



The Maryland  
Acupuncture  
Society, Inc.

January 26, 2022

**Re: SB 120 – FAVORABLE – Acupuncture License Requirements**

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Maryland Acupuncture Society (“MAS”) as our support for Senate Bill 120 – Acupuncture License Requirements. MAS represents over 1,000 licensed practitioners throughout the State of Maryland and we are in strong support of this bill.

This bill will require an acupuncture license applicant to obtain both a diplomate in acupuncture from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine AND a passing score on the certification exams for licensure in Maryland starting in 2026. Current law requires either, but not both. We support the modification in this legislation to require both. Moreover, we appreciate the effective date of 2026 because it will give the Maryland University of Integrative Health the requisite time needed to update the school curriculum to prepare students for the certification exams.

For the reasons stated above, we **SUPPORT** SB 120. Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Denise Tyson  
President  
Maryland Acupuncture Society