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Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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RE: SUPPORT – Senate Bill 555 – Occupational Licensing Boards and Commission on Judicial

Disabilities – Reporting Disciplinary Activities

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, supports Senate Bill 555.

Senate Bill 555 would require each health occupations board to include, in any annual report it compiles on disciplinary activity, certain information on each licensee that was disciplined during that year. The information includes gender, race, county of practice, the type of disciplinary action imposed by the board, the length of any disciplinary period, and the amount of any fine.

To the extent the information on gender and race is made available to the board, MedChi believes it makes sense to include this information in the annual report. The other information on the types and amounts of disciplinary action imposed are already included in the Board of Physicians' Annual Report.

For these reasons, MedChi urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 555.

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