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**Senate Bill 386**  
**Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – Sunset Extension and Reporting**

Good Afternoon Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity discuss Senate Bill 386, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – Sunset Extension and Reporting with you.

In 2018 legislation was passed that allowed Maryland to opt-into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, thus the licensure process to allow physicians to become licensed in multiple states was streamlined and expedited. At that time 22 states were part of the Compact now, Maryland is one of 26 states participating, with 4 additional states currently considering the legislation.

The Compact has helped physicians expand the use of tele-medicine, which has proved an essential component in our health-care industry now more than ever as we have seen. Without the Compact, Marylanders, especially in rural areas, can lack the necessary care they need, and often face longer wait times and farther travel to see a physician.

Senate Bill 386 accomplishes two things:

- It extends the termination date of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact streamlining the licensing process for physicians, and facilitated the practice of tele-health.
- It expands upon the annual report the State Board of Physicians is required to submit under § 14–205.1 of the Health Occupations Article to allow for more transparency and accountability in making sure the Compact is accomplishing what it was intended to do.

The cross-file HB180, has passed out of committee with an amendment extending the sunset to 2030, to align the date with Board's sunset date. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 386 with the amendment.