



**Mission:** To improve public health in Maryland through education and advocacy **Vision:** Healthy Marylanders living in Healthy Communities

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**SB 634**

**Hearing Date: 2/23/22**

**Committee:**

**Position: Favorable**

Chairperson Kelley and members of the Finance Committee: The Maryland Public Health Association (MdPHA) would like to offer favorable testimony regarding SB 634.

Home test kits allow a person to perform a test privately and conveniently in their own home. It can eliminate the need for long wait times for a doctor's appointment and potentially alleviate the stress of not knowing their condition. Follow up after a positive test is then necessary for treatment, but it may reduce unnecessary visits under emergency care for a negative test.

We urge a favorable report.

*The Maryland Public Health Association (MdPHA) is a nonprofit, statewide organization of public health professionals dedicated to improving the lives of all Marylanders through education, advocacy, and collaboration. We support public policies consistent with our vision of healthy Marylanders living in healthy, equitable, communities. MdPHA is the state affiliate of the American Public Health Association, a nearly 145-year-old professional organization dedicated to improving population health and reducing the health disparities that plague our state and our nation.*