

## **Board of Occupational Therapy Practice**

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The Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB230 – Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting – Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the "Board") is submitting this letter of Information for SB230 – Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting.

The Board regularly issues licenses within 72 hours of receiving all necessary documentation, and its staff further expedites applications for service members, veterans and military spouses. After thorough discussion, the Board finds that there would be almost no situation in which a bill like this would be necessary, considering how quickly occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant licenses are issued.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Lauren Murray, Executive Director, at <a href="mailto:lauren.murray@maryland.gov">lauren.murray@maryland.gov</a> or 410-402-8556.

Sincerely,

Lauren Murray Executive Director

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