

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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BILL NO: SB 209

COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

POSITION: SUPPORT

TITLE: State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Sunset Extension

BILLANALYSIS:

This bill extends the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners ("the Board") in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) for 10 years until July 1, 2032.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Board supports SB 209.

The Board has no outstanding deficiencies to correct and the passing of this bill will ensure the continuation of the Board's mandated responsibilities to carry out its mission to protect the citizens of Maryland through its credentialing, examination, licensing, and disciplinary process for physical therapists and physical therapy assistants.

Thank you for considering this testimony. The Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is respectfully requesting a favorable report on SB 209. If you require additional information, please contact Laurie Kendall-Ellis, Executive Director at laurie.kendall-ellis@maryland.gov or at 410-764-4718.

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