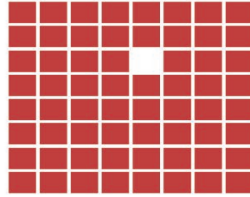


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TO: The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Members, House Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Jason C. Buckel

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DATE: February 23, 2022

RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 845 – *Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Income of Health Care Workers*

The Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (MDACEP) which represents the interests of emergency physicians and their patients throughout the State of Maryland **supports with amendment** House Bill 845. House Bill 845 authorizes for tax years 2021 and 2022 a subtraction modification for the first \$25,000 of income attributable to an individual's work as a health care worker.

As drafted, House Bill 845 appears to omit those workers in emergency medicine. During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals working in our emergency rooms and hospitals not only worked tirelessly caring for individuals with COVID-19 but also worked to ensure that others who continued to need emergency care received services. Over the last two years, these workers were both cheered but, too often, were also the recipients of verbal and physical assaults. Therefore, MDACEP requests that the bill be amended to include emergency medicine services – on page 2, after line 10, insert “4. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.”

With this amendment, we urge a favorable report of House Bill 845.

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