



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Honorable Ben Barnes
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1274 - Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment Earnings Limitation – COVID-19 Exemption - Letter of Support

Dear Chair Barnes and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this letter of support on House Bill (HB) 1274 - Employee's Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment Earnings Limitation - COVID-19 Exemption.

HB 1274 will extend an exemption from earnings limitations for certain retirees of the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems through December 31, 2024. These retirees were reemployed to assist with certain COVID-19 duties, including the administration of federally funded grants. Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2022, which passed unanimously in the General Assembly, enacted this exemption through December 31, 2022. MDH respectfully requests an extension so that the remaining employees can complete and close out the administration of these essential COVID-19 grants and benefits.

MDH respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1274. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Peters, Acting Director of Governmental Affairs, at megan.peters@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, MD, MPH
Secretary