



# Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 196 – Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting – Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the Board) is submitting this letter of Information for HB 196 – 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 Executive Director, Lauren Murray at [lauren.murray@maryland.gov](mailto:lauren.murray@maryland.gov) or 410-402-8556.

Sincerely,

Lauren Murray  
Executive Director  
Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

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