



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: HB 136 – Child Support and Enforcement – Occupational and Recreational Licenses – Taxpayer Identification Number
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
POSITION: Letter of Information

TITLE: Child Support and Enforcement – Occupational and Recreational Licenses – Taxpayer Identification Number

POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is submitting this Letter of Information for House Bill (HB) 136 – Child Support and Enforcement – Occupational and Recreational Licenses – Taxpayer Identification Number. HB 136 would modify the requirements under Family Law Article § 10-119.3 to allow applicants to substitute a taxpayer identification number on applications if they do not have a social security number.

Maryland law currently requires the Board to collect the social security number from all persons applying for professional licenses for a number of purposes. In addition to the requirements set forth in Family Law Article § 10-119.3, the Board is also required to collect social security numbers for purposes of identification by the Department of Assessments and Taxation of new businesses in Maryland pursuant to Health Occupations Article § 1-210. In addition, the Board is required to provide information for verification by the Maryland Medicaid program of licensure and sanctions for providers participating in Medicaid pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(49), 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-2 and 42 U.S.C. § 1396a-7. The Board seeks clarification regarding whether a taxpayer identification number is sufficient for these purposes, or if the Board would still be required to request social security numbers on its applications in order to fulfill these additional requirements.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Matthew Dudzic, Manager of Policy and Legislation, Maryland Board of Physicians, 410-764-5042.

Sincerely,

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