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To: Members of House Judiciary Committee

From: Family & Juvenile Law Section Council (FJLSC)

Date: March 2, 2023

Subject: **House Bill 800:**
Execution on a Judgment – Child Support Arrearages – Workers’ Compensation

Position: **FAVORABLE**

The Maryland State Bar Association’s (MHBA) FJLSC **supports House Bill 800 – Execution on a Judgment – Child Support Arrearages – Workers’ Compensation.**

The FJLSC is the formal representative of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the MHBA, which promotes the objectives of the MHBA by improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law and, at the same time, tries to bring together the members of the MHBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FJLSC is charged with the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section and authorized to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself could act. The Section has over 1,200 attorney members.

HB 800 creates clarity and consistency in the law about collection of child support from workers’ compensation awards. Consistency in child support is a cornerstone of Maryland law and mandated by federal law. Instead of ambiguity in the law forcing parents into contested litigation, which is costly and its results inconsistent, HB 800’s clarity and consistency is needed and will benefit families and children, who are the beneficiaries of child support.

For the reason(s) stated above, the MHBA FJLSC **supports House Bill 800 and urges a favorable committee report.**

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