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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Senate Bill 799 – Health Occupations – Limited License to Practice Dentistry – Services for Adults

February 12, 2024

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee

I am writing to strongly endorse Senate Bill 799 - Limited License to Practice Dentistry – Services for Adults. This bill aims to authorize the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive certain education requirements for applicants to obtain a limited license to practice dentistry and provide adult dental services.

The bill establishes a pathway for practitioners of adult dentistry who receive a waiver under the bill to receive a general dentistry license in the State. Removing barriers to practicing dentistry will allow dental students to gain hands-on experience within the field making them more equipped for a dentistry career after graduation. Expanding the scope of those who are able to practice (certain) adult dental services not only aids in the educational advancement of dentistry students but also benefits communities where there are not enough dentists to effectively treat their population. This bill would help the current shortage of dental providers for basic adult dental procedures while promoting experience for those new in the dentistry field.

I thank you all for your time and ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McKay'.

Senator Mike McKay

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