



Maryland Addiction Directors Council

Senate Finance Committee

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Senate Bill 167 - Physician Assistants – Revisions

Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2024

Support

Maryland Addictions Directors Council (MADC) represents outpatient and residential substance use disorder and dual recovery treatment across the state of Maryland. Our members provide over 2,000 residential treatment beds across the state.

MADC employs physician assistants, licensed and certified drug and alcohol counselors, and social workers. There is a dire shortage of candidates across the state of for all levels of direct patient care. MADC supports a compact for social workers to allow for more eligible, and appropriately licensed social workers to work in the state of Maryland.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony and we urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 167.

Sincerely,

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