



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB 221 – Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill (SB) 221 – Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification. SB 221 expands the statutory authority to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states/jurisdictions to all the Health Occupation Boards.

Reciprocal licensure allows for the expansion of the healthcare workforce in Maryland, permitting for a simplified process for established license and certified healthcare workers to apply for licensure in Maryland. This expansion will increase accessibility to care for Marylanders. The Department supports the Boards' interest in expanding the ability of their licensed and certified healthcare providers to practice in Maryland.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary