

Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.:HB 676 - Right to Try Act - Individualized Investigational TreatmentsCOMMITTEE:FinancePOSITION:Letter of Information

<u>TITLE</u>: Right to Try Act – Individualized Investigational Treatments

POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is submitting a letter of information for House Bill (HB) 676 – Right to Try Act – Individualized Investigational Treatments.

Under Health Occupations §14-404(a)(22), the Board may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee fails to meet appropriate standards of care as determined by appropriate peer review. Although the Board is not taking a position on the merits of this bill, the Board would like to clarify that nothing in this bill limits the ability of the Board to investigate complaints related to the standard of care or discipline physicians who violate the standard of care in the process of using individualized investigational treatment.

Thank you for your consideration.

For more information, please contact Matthew Dudzic, Manager of Policy and Legislation, Maryland Board of Physicians, (410) 764-5042, and Oriell Harris, Health Policy Analyst Associate, OriellT.Harris@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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