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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TESTIMONY ON SB0261**

TO: Energy, Education and Environment  
DATE: 1/22/25  
BILL: SB0261 – Maryland Board of Public Accountancy – Sunset Extension

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**MD LABOR POSITION: Support**

This bill proposes to extend the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy (MBPA), which is scheduled to terminate and be of no effect after July 1, 2025. This bill would continue the Board through July 1, 2030. The bill also requires the Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor) to submit a report to the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee (JAEC) with information about the Board activities prior to its next sunset extension request to the legislature.

The MBPA is one of the 26 licensing boards within the division of Occupational & Professional Licensing under MD Labor. The MBPA is the third oldest state CPA Board in the country. Currently, MBPA oversees a total of 19,206 CPA licensees and firms in Maryland. Key functions of the MBPA include industry licensing and management of complaints against licensees. License applications are processed by Board staff as soon as all of the requirements have been met by candidates, except in certain cases where approval/denial is required by Board members. In these cases, the applications are reviewed at the next Board meeting. The Board, typically, receives or opens 80-100 complaints per year. On average, complaints are closed within 30-60 days.

It is necessary to extend the MBPA for the safety and welfare of all Maryland citizens by providing for the licensure and oversight of a robust public accounting marketplace and offering consumers adequate protections against abuse and malpractice.

**MD Labor respectfully requests a favorable report on SB0261 by the Committee.**

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