

## **Maryland Addiction Directors Council**

Senate Finance Committee

January 31, 2025

Written Testimony in Support of

SB 379 (2025)

## State Board of Social Work Examiners - Membership and Examination Requirements

Maryland Addictions Directors Council (MADC) represents outpatient and residential SUD and dual recovery treatment across the State of Maryland. Our members provide over 1,800 treatment beds across Maryland and provide treatment on the front lines of the Opioid Epidemic.

MADC strongly supports SB 379 State Board of Social Work Examiners - Membership and Examination Requirements. Behavioral healthcare providers have experienced a significant workforce shortage for the last five years. SB 379 provides a responsible pathway for licensure for non-clinical social workers and will help diversify the social work profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony. Maryland Addictions Directors Council strongly supports SB 379.

Sincerely,

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