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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Finance Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
410-260-1523
RE: House Bill 468
Petitions for Emergency Evaluation
DATE: March 14, 2025
(3/19)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports House Bill 468.

The language of the bill provides for a five (5) day extension of the relief granted in a court endorsed Petition for Emergency Evaluation. The Judiciary appreciates the need for the extension provision, as peace officers may have difficulty locating the individual for whom the court has ordered an evaluation in the short period currently provided in statute. An extension would allow peace officers additional time to take the emergency evaluatee for clinical evaluation and treatment.

cc. Hon. Tiffany Alston
Judicial Council
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