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

**RE: SB 67 - Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits - Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Beidle:

The Maryland Board of Acupuncture (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of Information for **SB 67- Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits**. The Board appreciates the continued efforts of the General Assembly to both expand and innovate the existing ways in which the State can recognize and support Maryland residents that are currently serving in and are veterans of the military.

While SB 67 makes clear that health occupations boards “..may establish a process to include a notation indicating veteran status on a license...” and “...may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions...”, the bill also presents requirements that will present an administrative burden that may hinder support in the form of implementation. More specifically, under Health Occupations Article, § 1-707:

- Page 1, lines 19-20, subsection (A) “...and to assist in determining eligibility for State and Federal veterans benefits in accordance with this section”; and
- Page 2, lines 19-23, subsection (C) (2) “...and on request from an executive branch agency, electronically transmit to the executive branch agency appropriate information about the application relevant to determining the applicant’s eligibility for State or Federal veterans benefits.”

The Board is not the appropriate entity to determine individual eligibility for State or Federal veteran benefits. It is not within the Board’s area of expertise nor does the Board have the capacity to make an eligibility determination for services for active military, and veteran applicants and licensees.

I hope this information is useful and helps to further the discussion on how State government services can be maximized to support those who made the ultimate commitment to us. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Tiffany L. Smith Williams, Executive Director for the Board of Acupuncture at (410)764-5925 or at [tiffany.smith-williams@maryland.gov](mailto:tiffany.smith-williams@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tiffany L. Smith-Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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*The opinion of the Board expressed in this letter of information does not necessarily reflect that of the Department of Health or the Administration.*