



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### 2025 SESSION POSITION PAPER

**BILL NO: HB 256**  
**COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations**  
**POSITION: Support**

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**TITLE:** Health Occupations Boards - Membership Alteration and Sunset Extensions

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill, when enacted, extends the termination of the statutory and regulatory authority of several Health Occupation Boards, including the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, until July 1, 2030. The bill also increases the number of board member positions of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners from seven to nine.

**POSITION AND RATIONALE:** The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) supports HB 256.

Health Occupation boards are mandated by the General Assembly to protect the public health, well-being, and safety of the citizens of Maryland. A favorable vote to extend the termination date ensures that the Maryland Board of Pharmacy continues to fulfill its mission and mandated responsibilities to issue various types of licenses including, but not limited to, qualified and competent pharmacists and pharmacy technicians; investigate complaints; and discipline licensees found to have violated the Maryland Pharmacy Act. The Board also issues licenses for facilities including distributors and pharmacies.

For these reasons, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy respectfully requests a favorable vote on HB 256.

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