

Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: SB 67

TITLE: Health Occupations Boards - Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility

for Benefits

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

POSITION: Letter of Support

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POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is submitting this Letter of Support for Senate Bill 67 (SB 67) – Health Occupations Boards – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits. SB 67 would authorize health occupation boards to create a process for including a notation of veteran status on a license, certificate, registration, or public profile. The bill would also allow health occupation boards to electronically share relevant applicant information with the appropriate executive branch agencies to help disburse information on veteran benefits.

The Board is fully committed to supporting the veteran community in any way that is within its mission. The Board believes SB 67 offers a valuable tool for recognizing veterans who hold a health occupation license. The Board can identify "veteran status" on a Practitioner's Public Profile, which is also the source of any verification of licensure.

The Board stands ready to collaborate with the bill sponsors and proponents to further improve the licensure process for service members, veterans, and military spouses. For these reasons, the Physicians Board respectfully urges a favorable report on SB 67.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact:

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Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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