

Subject: Favorable HB430- Employed Individuals With Disabilities Program – Upper Age Limit – Prohibition

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The members of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland urge the Health and Government Operations Committee to definitely support HB430. Any disabled person who wants to work should be accepted into the Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) program. Currently, the EID program discriminates against seniors with disabilities because it cuts people of a certain age from the program. This bill will end this discrimination.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) allows everyone to continue to work when they reach age 70. The EID program should not have stronger rules than the SSA.

Please vote in favor of HB430 and allow seniors with disabilities to work indefinitely.