



# Board of Physicians

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## 2026 SESSION POSITION PAPER

**BILL NO.:** House Bill 179 - Department of Commerce - Complaint Portal and Annual Report  
**COMMITTEE:** Economic Matters  
**POSITION:** Letter of Support

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The Maryland Board of Physicians and the Maryland Board of Nursing (the Boards) are respectfully submitting this Letter of Support for House Bill (HB) 179 - Department of Commerce - Complaint Portal and Annual Report. HB 179 establishes an online complaint portal through which people can report if a government unit takes longer than 60 days to process an application for a license, form, certificate, certification, permit, or registration for a non-profit or business.

The Boards are committed to the timely processing of licensure applications and recognize the importance of providing efficient service, including expedited licensure application options. The intent of this legislation is to address business and facility licenses, forms, certificates, certifications, permits, and registrations - not individual practitioner licenses. The Boards have been in communication with Delegate Vogel regarding this clarification and support the legislation with the amendment clarifying that a health occupation license is not subject to the online complaint portal.

We appreciate the Delegate's willingness to address this matter and commitment to collaboration. We look forward to continuing to work together in the future.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Madeline DelGreco, Manager of Policy and Legislation, at the Maryland Board of Physicians, at 410-764-5053, or Ms. Mitzi Fishman, Director of Legislative Affairs at the Maryland Board of Nursing, at 410-585-2049

Sincerely,

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