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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: SB Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal and Court Actions – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners respectfully submits this letter of support for SB 83 – Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal and Court Actions. Under the current law the Dental Board may deny a license, reprimand a licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country. The bill adds “Any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to those jurisdictions.

Since numerous licensees have practiced in the uniformed services and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, primarily on military personnel and federal installations, it seems only fair that they be held to the same standards of care as those who do not practice on military installations. To do otherwise would allow those in the military to continue to commit transgressions for which they have been disciplined, but for which there are no repercussions when practicing in Maryland or when seeking a Maryland license. Those licensed in Maryland or those seeking licensure in Maryland should not escape accountability because their bad acts have taken place on federal military property. The Board should at least possess the authority to consider those bad acts when determining whether the transgressor should be issued a license or continue to practice on Maryland citizens.

For these reasons the Dental Board requests that SB 83 receive a favorable report.

I hope that this information is helpful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 202-997-2606; chiyo.alie@maryland.gov.

The opinion of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners expressed in this letter of support does not necessarily reflect that of the Department of Health or the administration.

Sincerely,
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Board President