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TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL HB#0771- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Health Occupations - Human Trafficking Awareness Training

TO: Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of crossover bill HB#0771, **Health Occupations - Human Trafficking Awareness Training**

This bill believes that more education on what constitutes human trafficking can help people dealing with the problem become not only more cognizant of it but receive continuing education credits pursuing that learning.

The bill directs that each health occupations board shall adopt regulations that allow an applicant seeking license or certificate renewal to receive continuing education credits for completing a human trafficking awareness training program. The boards will also conduct outreach to make individuals regulated by the various boards aware of human trafficking awareness training options, including by providing information in general board communications and on the board's website. The legislation places requirements on the training processes and procedures.

This important bill will require each health occupations board to adopt certain regulations related to continuing education credits for a certain human trafficking awareness training program on or before October 1, 2026; and establishing requirements for the training program.

I respectfully request this committee to return a favorable report on crossover bill HB#0771.