

HON. STACY A. MAYER  
CIRCUIT COURT  
JUDGE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY  
CHAIR

HON. RICHARD SANDY  
CIRCUIT COURT  
JUDGE  
FREDERICK COUNTY  
VICE-CHAIR



KELLEY O'CONNOR  
ASSISTANT STATE COURT  
ADMINISTRATOR  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
P: (410) 260-1560

SUZANNE PELZ, ESQ.  
SNR. GOVT. RELATIONS AND  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER  
P: (410)260-1523

## MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senate Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
410-260-1523  
**RE:** House Bill 860  
Petitions for Emergency Evaluation (Arnaud and Magruder  
Memorial Act)  
**DATE:** March 26, 2026  
(3/31)  
**POSITION:** Support

---

The Maryland Judiciary continues to support House Bill 860 as amended.

The language of the bill provides for a five (5) day extension of the relief granted in a court endorsed Petition for Emergency Evaluation. The Judiciary appreciates the need for the extension provision, as officers may have difficulty locating the individual for whom the court has ordered an evaluation in the short period currently provided in statute. An extension would allow officers additional time to take the emergency evaluatee for clinical evaluation and treatment.

cc. Hon. Tiffany Alston  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor