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### SB 83 – Health Discipline Board Revisions

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 83.

I worked with the *Department of Health* and the associated Boards to come up with this consensus legislation.

This bill further expands what we did in last year's *Maryland Modernization Military Laws Act* to create consistent language in our laws.

Initially the bill was 5 pages, but after working with the Health Boards it was requested to expand to 11 pages as we found more areas needing revisions.

This bill modifies the language in the *discipline* sections of Health licenses through standardization of language including considering any disciplinary action taken by any branch of the Uniformed Services.

#### **Specifically, this bill:**

- Updates outdated federal references, such as, revising old references of '*Veterans Administration*' to 'U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs';
- Updates sections to take into account any disciplinary action by a branch of the Uniformed Services or US Dept of Veterans Affairs as done with other boards where it applies; and
  - o (*Pharmacists and Pharmacies* 12-313 – Adds US Dept of Veterans Affairs and Uniformed Services)
  - o (*Social Workers* 19-311 – Adds Uniformed Services)
  - o (*Naturopathic Doctors* 14-5F-18 – Adds US Dept of Veterans Affairs and Uniformed Services)
- Adds technical revisions to provide consistent language among similar boards;

That's the bill.

For all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration.