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MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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January 30, 2026

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

Subject: Request for **FAVORABLE Report** – SB0083 – Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal & Court Actions

Dear Chair Beidle and distinguished members of the Finance Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition¹ (MMC), I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0083 – Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal & Court Actions**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill standardizes the language of the disciplinary statutes within the various career categories that are Maryland-licensed health occupations. These modifications reflect the addition of the uniformed services, the correct naming of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and recognizes the absolute authority of the Board issuing the license derived from state statute. Each licensure Board is obligated to investigate complaints about their licensees and address concerns, when needed, through the discipline process. As with other individuals and organizations, federal agencies are obligated to notify the licensing board with their concerns about problem providers.

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We want to thank Senator Simonaire for sponsoring this legislation and supporting the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

Lynn A. Nash, PhD, RN PHCNS-BC, FAAN
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¹ See attached list of member organizations.



Member Organizations of the Maryland Military Coalition

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Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

Disabled American Veterans

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Maryland Air National Guard Retirees' Association

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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.

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February 3, 2026

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Finance Committee
The Honorable Antonio Hayes
Vice Chair, Finance Committee
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February 3, 2026

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
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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,
Chiyo Alie, D.D.S.
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Board President

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Board of Physicians

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**2026 SESSION
POSITION PAPER**

**BILL NO.: SB 83 - Health Occupations - Grounds for Discipline -
Federal and Court Actions**

COMMITTEE: Finance
POSITION: Letter of Support

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is respectfully submitting this Letter of Support for Senate Bill (SB) 83 - Health Occupations - Grounds for Discipline - Federal and Court Actions. SB 83 alters the grounds for discipline by certain health occupation boards to include being disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, the bill makes technical changes to update “Veterans Administration” to the “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs” and “this section” to “the Board’s disciplinary statutes” throughout the Maryland Medical Practice Act.

SB 83 aligns with the Board’s goal to improve consistency across the Board’s statutes. Consistency and accuracy are essential to ensure clarity within the Maryland Medical Practice Act for policymakers, stakeholders, practitioners, consumers, and others. SB 83’s attention to this matter is appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Madeline DelGreco, Manager of Policy and Legislation, at 410-764-5053.

Sincerely,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

February 03, 2026

Delegate Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 83: Individuals With Disabilities and Service- Disabled Veterans Boating Fund- Eligible
Companions

Dear Chairman Beidle,

Please let this letter serve as notice of the support of the Maryland General Assembly Veterans
Caucus for Senate Bill 83.

After review by our respective legislative committee, the Veterans Caucus believes that the
above-mentioned legislation would provide a valuable benefit to the veterans of the State of
Maryland and requests a favorable report.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin F. Brooks".

Senator Benjamin Brooks
Senate Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Rogers".

Delegate Mike Rogers
House Chair