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**THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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To Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair  
Senator Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair  
Finance Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus proudly expresses its support for **HB 1263 – Public Health – Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care.**

HB 1263 takes an important and proactive step toward addressing the growing need for oversight in post-operative cosmetic and body-altering care. As these procedures become increasingly common, particularly those performed or followed by nonphysician practitioners, it is essential that patient safety, consumer protection, and continuity of care remain at the forefront of Maryland's healthcare framework.

This legislation establishes a dedicated Workgroup to study the regulation of post-operative cosmetic services and evaluate existing gaps in oversight. By bringing together stakeholders and experts, the Workgroup will be well-positioned to assess risks, identify best practices, and recommend standards that protect patients while ensuring access to safe and effective care.

The bill recognizes that inadequate post-operative care can lead to serious medical complications, disproportionately impacting women, who make up the majority of individuals seeking cosmetic procedures. A comprehensive review of current practices is necessary to ensure that patients receive appropriate follow-up care from qualified providers and that clear guidelines are in place to prevent harm.

By requiring the Workgroup to submit findings and recommendations by December 1, 2027, HB 1263 ensures accountability and a clear path forward for informed policy decisions. This thoughtful approach allows Maryland to respond to an evolving area of healthcare with data-driven solutions that prioritize patient well-being.

HB 1263 aligns directly with the Maryland Women's Caucus' commitment to advancing policies that protect women's health, safety, and informed decision-making.

For these reasons, the Maryland Women's Caucus respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 1263.