
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LETTER OF INFORMATION ON HB 1192

TO: House Government, Labor and Elections Committee
FROM: Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
DATE: March 31, 2026
RE: SB 645 – State Board of Sign Language Interpreters – Membership

Senate Bill 645 modifies the membership structure and governance provisions of the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters, including authorizing the Secretary of Labor to appoint one member to the Board.

The Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing (O&P) within the Department currently regulates and licenses 25 different professional occupations. Given the licensing expertise possessed by O&P it can bring to bear significant expertise on establishing effective licensure regimes to ensure both consumer safety but also that the regulatory licensing boards meet the needs of the licensed entities.

To that end, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing respectfully requests that the Committee provide a favorable report.

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