



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: SB 242
TITLE: Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act
COMMITTEE: GLE
POSITION: Letter of Support As Amended

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is submitting this Letter of Support As Amended for Senate Bill (SB) 242 - Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act. SB 242 aligns State law with the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) by codifying existing federal protections into Maryland statute.

Health occupation boards, including the Board of Physicians, are already required to comply with the SCRA at the federal level, and the Board has incorporated these requirements into its operations since the federal mandate took effect in 2023. The Board recognizes the SCRA as a valuable supplemental and transitional tool for active-duty service members and their spouses who relocate to Maryland due to military orders.

The Board had initial concerns regarding the structuring of the bill and lack of clear regulatory authority. The Board has worked collaboratively with Senator Simonaire to amend SB 242 in a manner that has resolved those concerns.

The Board appreciates the Senator's attention to the matter and willingness to work together on SB 242. For these reasons, the Board respectfully urges a favorable report on SB 242 as amended.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact for more information, contact:

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Sincerely,

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