



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: HB 1500 - State Agencies - Adoption of Regulations - Required
COMMITTEE: Government, Labor, and Elections
POSITION: Letter of Concern

POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) respectfully submits this Letter of Concern regarding House Bill (HB) 1500 - State Agencies - Adoption of Regulations - Required. HB 1500 mandates that regulations must be adopted before a state government unit can impose a fee or other payment.

The Board regulates physicians and 14 allied health practitioners through the licensing and effective discipline of licensees. As part of the licensing process, applicants are required to pay fees established by regulations. The regulation promulgation process is time-consuming. If the Board has to wait until the regulations are completed before imposing fees or other charges, it could hinder its operations.

The Board is special-funded, and the cost of licensing is mandated to approximate the cost of operating the licensure programs (Health Occupations, § 14-207, Annotated Code of Maryland). To ensure effective operations, the Board must be able to charge appropriate fees for services provided, regardless of the status of the regulations.

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

Sincerely,

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Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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