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TESTIMONY ON HB#1372- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission

TO: Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1372, **Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission**

There is a Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission. The purpose of the commission is to provide ongoing advice and recommendations to the general assembly on how best to improve the relationship between the department and the health occupations boards to achieve greater efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

In collaboration with the office of health care quality, this bill states the HCC develop a process to receive the following information and publish it on the commission's Maryland quality reporting website for each applicable facility:

- the date of the office's most recent inspection
- any associated ratings or other quality metrics calculated by the office based on the most recent inspection
- the date of the next scheduled inspection
- if applicable, a statement that the facility has not been inspected during the time frame required by statute or regulation.

This bill will require the Maryland Health Care Commission, in collaboration with the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a process to receive and publish certain inspection information on the Commission's Maryland Quality Reporting website; establish the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide certain advice and recommendations relating to the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards; etc.

This bill will define the membership and control and command structure of the bodies and outline their responsibilities.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1372.