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Bill: SB88/HB7 - State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists - Authority to Issue Limited Licenses to Practice Music Therapy

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA) represents speech language pathologists and audiologists across Maryland. Collectively, we elevate and engage members to strive for excellence in serving those impacted by communication and related disorders through advocacy, equity, education, interprofessional collaboration, and leadership development.

We are writing in support of **SB 88/HB 7**, which will authorize the State Board of Examiners for Audiologist, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists to issue a limited license to practice music therapy for providers who meet specified requirements. This bill will also allow a licensee with a limited license to practice music therapy under the supervision of a fully licensed music therapist.

MSHA is in support of this bill because it will continue to establish, maintain, and enforce ethical, educational, and competency standards.

Thank you for your consideration

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