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The Honorable Heather Bagnall  
The Honorable Bonnie Cullison  
Maryland General Assembly  
Maryland House of Delegates - Health Committee

**RE: House Bill 1150 – Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Minor Conditions and HIV Prevention and Treatment**

Dear Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Committee Members:

The State Board of Pharmacy (Board) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments for House Bill (HB) 1150 – Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Minor Conditions and HIV Prevention and Treatment.

HB 506 expands the scope of practice for licensed pharmacists to enable them to test, diagnose and treat certain diseases, such as influenza and COVID, that ostensibly may be detected through CLIA-waived laboratory tests. HB 506 also expands the ability of licensed pharmacists to prescribe HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis medications without the need to participate in the Department’s Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program.

The Board recognizes and is supportive of the integral role pharmacists serve in providing direct patient care. Indeed, pharmacists were central in the provision of vital vaccines during the COVID pandemic and continue to provide Maryland citizens with access to necessary vaccines today. However, the Board has concerns that certain proposed provisions in the bill are not in the interest of public health. In addition, certain provisions lack clarity and may result in confusion to pharmacists regarding the scope of the expanded authority.

Based on the above-mentioned concerns, the Board recommends the following amendments:

**Amendment 1**

On page 4, line 18, STRIKE “ (5) URINARY TRACT INFECTION”

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With the proposed amendment above, the Board respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1150.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Deena Speights-Napata, MA, Executive Director, at [deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov](mailto:deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov) (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,

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