



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: Senate Bill 294
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
POSITION: Letter of Support As Amended

TITLE: Criminal Procedure-Protection of Identity of Victim of Sexual Assault or Stalking

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill would prohibit courts and certain third parties involved in criminal or juvenile delinquency proceedings from providing unredacted records identifying victims of sexual assault or stalking.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Board”) supports SB 294 as amended.

The Board is a health occupations regulatory board established by the Maryland General Assembly and charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Maryland's citizens. The Board fulfills this mandate by licensing qualified physicians and allied health professionals and by investigating complaints received from the public and law enforcement alleging violations of the Board’s statutes and regulations, as well as applicable criminal laws. Each health occupations board, under [Health Occupations, § 1-212](#), Annotated Code of Maryland, is required to implement sexual misconduct regulations and is authorized to deny a license or impose a sanction, including license revocation, if an applicant or licensee violates those regulations.

The Board strongly supports efforts to protect the privacy and identity of victims of sexual assault and stalking, particularly minors. Safeguarding vulnerable victims is a critical public policy goal, and the Board recognizes the importance of minimizing further harm to these individuals.

As amended, in the case of a respondent that is licensed by health occupations board, SB 294 includes a provision allowing that health occupations board to petition the court to order disclosure of unredacted records identifying victims of sexual assault or stalking for the purpose of investigating or otherwise disciplining the respondent for sexual misconduct. This provision is critical for the Board to obtain the necessary information to take appropriate disciplinary actions to adequately protect the public.

The Board appreciates Senator Love's engagement with the health occupations boards and willingness to address this matter.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Madeline DelGreco, Manager of Policy and Legislation, at the Maryland Board of Physicians, at 443-591-9082 or Madeline.DelGreco@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harbhajan Ajrawat".

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.
Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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