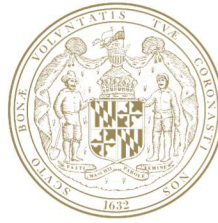


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March 5, 2026

The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
Chair, Ways & Means Committee
131 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Honorable Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

On behalf of the Rural Caucus, we are writing to express our support for **HB595 Income Tax - Credit for Physician Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages – Alterations.**

This bill would expand eligibility for a state income tax credit for physician preceptors in areas with workforce shortages. It would expand eligibility to those in accredited out-of-state medical school and reduce number of clinical training hours required from 100 to 90. This would encourage more preceptors to work in rural communities that have health care worker shortages. By alleviating the health care worker shortage, rural communities have more access to important medical services.

For these reasons, the Rural Caucus supports HB595 and requests a favorable report.

Thank you,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist
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