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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 690 – *Maryland Cardiovascular Patient Safety Act*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,300 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 690.

House Bill 690 requires certain cardiovascular catheterization labs to be accredited or, alternatively, to be certified by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), on or before May, 2014. This bill, along with others (House Bill 286 and House Bill 600), have been introduced in an effort to make certain that proper oversight is in place to identify over-utilization of care. MedChi supports these efforts, but would note that it believes standards should be identified in any legislation which passes, for determining what constitutes over-utilization or as to what will result in action by the State against a provider or hospital.

As set forth above, MedChi supports House Bill 690.

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