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TO: The Honorable Peter A. Hammen, Chairman
Members, House Health & Government Operations Committee
The Honorable Veronica Turner

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** – House Bill 980 – *Maryland Board of Physicians – Authority to Issue Temporary Licenses and Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,500 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 980 with amendments.

House Bill 980 makes various changes to the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Committee within the Board of Physicians. This Board regulates the health professionals with whom radiologists commonly work.

MedChi would request the following amendments:

First, the Committee should be left with 10 members and not reduced to 9, as set forth on Page 2 Line 26.

Second, MedChi understands that there are not currently enough radiology assistants in the field to meet the current mandate that one serve on the Committee, thus the amendment deleting that requirement on Page 3, line 7. Nevertheless, it is still important to have a licensed physician who supervises one on the Committee if a physician meeting that description is available. Accordingly, MedChi would urge that the words “to the extent possible” be inserted after the word “and” on Page 2, line 30.

Finally, along the same lines, the radiographer identified on Page 3, Line 6 should “to the extent practicable,” be a radiologist assistant. Thus, if a radiologist assistant is available, there would be a preference for that person in filling the radiographer seat on the Committee.

With these amendments, MedChi supports the legislation.

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