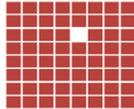




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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1130 – *Health Occupations – Prohibition on Expiration of Licenses, Certificates, Permits, and Registrations*

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 1130.

House Bill 1130 mandates that all licenses, certificates, permits and registrations which were issued prior to the December 4, 2021, cybersecurity attack on the Department of Health's network remain effective until the network is restored. The legislation is a preventative measure that will ensure the attack does not further disrupt integral operations. Without it there is the potential for thousands of health occupation licensees being unable to renew their licenses and thus technically practicing in violation of the law because of an expired license.

The above referenced organizations see House Bill 1130 as a common-sense step that helps avert a serious problem, and therefore urge the Committee to support the measure.

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