



Maryland
Hospital Association

January 22, 2024

To: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair, Senate Finance Committee

Re: Letter of Support- Senate Bill 210- Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics -
Immunization Administration - Effective Date

Dear Chair Beidle:

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) 62 member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of Senate Bill 210.

Paramedics have been able to administer COVID-19 vaccinations, first under the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency. In 2021 and 2022, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation to extend the sunset. SB 210 would extend the date the law is set to sunset from Jan. 1, 2025 to Jan. 1, 2030.

Maryland EMS paramedics have been [instrumental](#) in providing access to vaccinations statewide. During just part of 2021, EMS clinicians administered more than 80,000 vaccinations to community members and 21,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to state, county, and local government public safety personnel.

Maryland needs every available qualified practitioner to be able to administer COVID-19 and influenza vaccines to serve a critical public need.

For these reasons, MHA respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 210.

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