

## House Bill 776- Maryland Medical Practice Act and Maryland Physician Assistants Act -Revisions

## **Position:** Support with Amendments February 25, 2025 House Health & Government Operations Committee

## **MHA Position**

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of House Bill 776 with amendments.

The Maryland Board of Physicians is an essential partner in supporting the physician and allied health workforce. We support the changes included in HB 776, many of which are clarifying.

We have concerns with the 10-day mandatory reporting section (14-413) of the bill on page 27 beginning on line 16. In particular, we have concerns with including the word "employer" and maintaining "hospital" and "alternative health system" since this could result in duplicative reporting.

We have been working with the Board of Physicians on an amendment to include only the word, "employer." We support the adoption of this amendment, which would resolve the hospital field's concerns with the bill as introduced.

For these reasons, we request a favorable report on HB 776 with amendments.

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