



Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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TO: Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee
FROM: The Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
RE: HB 591

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Speaking as concerned citizens of the State of Maryland, the members feel that it is appropriate that there be an evaluation of governmental agencies to determine their usefulness and justify their continued existence.

Speaking as members of the Board who take their responsibilities and obligations very seriously, they welcome evaluation.

The Board members are, and have been, dedicated to serving the public by trying to make sure that physical therapy in Maryland is provided by qualified persons. If there are ~~no~~ alternate, more efficient, less expensive means of providing necessary assurance, this Board wants to know about them.

The eleven criteria listed in H.B. 591 should provide a challenge to Boards to begin an "honest-to-goodness" self evaluation.

Our Board does not feel threatened by this bill. We have not tried to justify our existence but merely speak to the appropriateness of being reviewed and evaluated.

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Prior to presenting the position paper re H.B. 591, and after hearing the discussion by the sponsor, Delegate T. Hickman, I asked of the sponsor the following question:

Can an agency or Board be automatically disbanded if there is no review before a Legislative Committee?

The answer was "Yes", according to the way the law was drafted.

In view of this answer, I repeated this question at the beginning of my presentation and stated that because it was answered affirmatively, I would have to say that I felt the bill would need to be amended.

Then I read the attached statement.

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