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The Honorable Senator James Rosapepe

Senate Finance Committee

Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: Senate Bill 894 – Post-Crisis Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Senator Lam:

The Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occ., Sec. 12-508(b)(2)(ii), requires that pharmacists who administer vaccinations maintain an active CPR certification obtained through "in-person classroom instruction." The purpose of the in-person requirement is to ensure that pharmacists are assessed on their hands-on mechanical skills for the proper application of chest compressions. The Board is generally supportive of digital learning as a medium for education, and is similarly supportive of the ability of pharmacists to obtain CPR certification through digital learning but only if it includes a mechanism to assess the pharmacist's mechanical skills."

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 410-764-4753 or deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

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