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In re: Electrology Practice Committee Report Sunset Extension, HB 65, Chapter 573, 2011

The Hon. Joan Carter Conway, Chairman Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Bldg. Annapolis, MD 21401 The Hon. Peter A. Hammen, Chairman House Health and Government Operations Committee 241 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Conway and Delegate Hammen:

The total number of licensed Electrologists continues to decline. Currently the board has 75 licensed Electrologists. There were about 98 Electrologists in 2011. Because there is no Electrology school in Maryland any increase in licensees will come from individuals who apply for a license by endorsement from another state or went to school in another state and take the license test in Maryland.

Due to the difficulty of finding new members to serve on the Electrology Practice Committee legislation was introduced and passed in 2014 (HB 251, Chapter 258) to reduce the size of the committee from 5 to three members.

In an attempt to encourage renewals the licensing fee was decreased in 2013 from \$150.00 per year to \$100.00 Renewals have remained at the 2012 level of 75 licensees since then.

The EPC completed a license exam of its own in 2014 that is available for any initial licensees who trained in another state and want to take the license exam in Maryland. Since 2011 the Board has received one complaint that was dismissed after investigation.

Sincerely,

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