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*Agency of Human Services*

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To: House Committee on Health Care  
From: David Herlihy, Executive Director

Re: Input on H.237, An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists

1. This is to share the position of the Board of Medical Practice on H.237, An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.
2. This afternoon H.237 was added to the agenda for the House Health Care Committee for tomorrow morning and again on Friday morning. The agenda for Friday indicates "*Review and Possible Vote.*" Neither I nor the Chair of the Board of Medical Practice are available to testify on this significant bill.
3. The Board discussed the issue of psychologists prescribing in 2021, when the Office of Professional Regulation was soliciting input from interested parties. The Board passed a motion expressing opposition to expanding the scope of practice of psychologists to allow prescribing. The motion passed on a 14-0 vote, with one member abstaining. The Board submitted written materials, which are submitted along with this memorandum. We ask you to carefully consider the points raised in those materials before making a decision on H.237.

