



MARYLAND
Association of
COUNTIES

Senate Bill 1083

Public Health – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Revisions

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** SB 1083. This bill would strengthen provisions of Maryland's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), improving its ability to identify and deter prescription drug abuse and diversion as the state continues to struggle with an opioid crisis.

SB 1083 requires that the PDMP review prescription monitoring data for indications of misuse or abuse, and for possible violations of law or breach of professional conduct. It also sets specific factors that must be considered for determining these violations, as well as when and how the violations are to be reported. These changes bolster the effectiveness of the program by helping to ensure important data is not overlooked, violations are appropriately flagged, providers are properly educated, and that notice is provided to the proper authorities in a timely manner.

For these reasons, MACo urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 1083.