



Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association Memorandum

TO: House Health Committee Members
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

FROM: Joseph Zawisza, DO, President
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RE: House Bill 1280 - Support

DATE: June 21, 2021

On behalf of the over 9,000 Osteopathic physicians in Pennsylvania and our Osteopathic cardiology physicians, Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) respectfully requests your support of House Bill 1280 scheduled for a vote on Wednesday in your Committee.

HB 1280 amends Act 112 of 2018 (Patient Test Result Information Act) to exempt specific cardiac testing from the requirements of the Act. Cardiovascular imaging test results are rarely "black and white." Unfortunately, Act 112 has forced cardiologists to make a concrete decision about patient tests and report to them, "significant abnormalities" when it may not be necessary. For example, a patient may have a test that demonstrates a significant abnormality, but in clinical terms, nothing has changed for the patient. However, Act 112 requires an ominous letter to be sent to the patient because technically speaking, there was a significant abnormality discovered. This causes unnecessary patient stress and concern for something that is technically correct, but clinically insignificant.

POMA asks for your support of the reasonable changes to Act 112 of 2018 represented in HB 1280 to permit cardiologists to make informed clinical decisions on notifications based on the patient's medical history.

POMA thanks you for your consideration in supporting HB 1280.