

**SB0234/834932/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 234  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 27, after the second semicolon insert “altering the grounds for discipline of certain licensees of the State Board of Physicians, subject to a certain exception; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act;”; and after line 28, insert:

“BY renumbering

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14–404(a)(43)

to be Section 14–404(a)(44)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)”.

On page 2, in line 2, after “Compact” insert “; and 14–404(a)(43)”; after line 4, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14–404(a)(42)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 14–404(a)(43) of Article – Health Occupations of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 14–404(a)(44).”;

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in line 5, strike “1.” and substitute “2. AND”; in the same line, after “IT” insert “FURTHER”; and in the same line, strike “BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 12, inclusive; and in lines 13, 15, 18, 22, and 25, strike “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, and “(9)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, and “(8)”, respectively.

On page 5, in line 13, after “(A)” insert “(1)”; strike beginning with “A” in line 13 down through “2(K)” in line 14 and substitute “IN ORDER”; in line 14, after “AN” insert “INITIAL”; and in line 15, after “COMPACT” insert “, A PHYSICIAN MUST:

**(I) MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2(K); AND**

**(II) HOLD SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION OR A TIME-UNLIMITED SPECIALTY CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES OR THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION’S BUREAU OF OSTEOPATHIC SPECIALISTS.**

**(2) A PHYSICIAN IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN ORDER TO RENEW AN EXPEDITED LICENSE UNDER SECTION 6”.**

On page 6, in line 24, strike “PERFORM” and substitute “REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO OBTAIN”; in the same line, strike “OF AN APPLICANT”; and in line 35, after “STATE” insert “, IF AN APPEAL IS ALLOWED UNDER THE LAWS OF THAT STATE,”.

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On page 8, in line 15, after “STATE” insert “AND SHALL ATTEST TO THE MEMBER BOARD ABOUT THE PHYSICIAN’S COMPLIANCE”.

On page 23, before line 7, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to alter the ability of the State Board of Physicians to license physicians or regulate the practice of medicine in the State.”;

in line 7, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; in lines 7 and 8, strike “July 1, 2018” and substitute “January 1, 2019”; and in line 8, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of June 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 23, after line 6, insert:

“14-404.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:

(42) Fails to submit to a criminal history records check under § 14-308.1 of this title; [or]

(43) EXCEPT FOR THE LICENSURE PROCESS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBTITLE 3A OF THIS TITLE, VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, ANY RULE

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**OR REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, OR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW  
PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE; OR**".