

BY: Senator Hollinger

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 496  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “procedures;” insert “requiring the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to require a certain course on the needs of terminally ill individuals and their families;”; and after line 15, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-316(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 430 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 14, insert:

“Article - Health Occupations

14-316.

(d) (1) In addition to any other qualifications and requirements established by the Board, the Board may establish continuing education requirements as a condition to the renewal of licenses under this section.

(2) In establishing these requirements, the Board shall evaluate existing methods, devices, and programs in use among the various medical specialties and other recognized medical groups.

(3) The Board may not establish or enforce these requirements if they would so

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reduce the number of physicians in a community as to jeopardize the availability of adequate medical care in that community.

(4) (I) AS PART OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE A COURSE ON THE SPECIAL CARE NEEDS OF TERMINALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(II) THE COURSE SHALL INCLUDE TOPICS RELATED TO:

1. PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT;
2. THE PSYCHO-SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF DEATH;
3. DYING AND BEREAVEMENT; AND
4. HOSPICE CARE.”.