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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Nurse Practitioners - Authority to Certify

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain nurse practitioners to make a certain 4 determination of incapacity or debilitation under certain circumstances; requiring a certain nurse practitioner to provide a copy of a certain $\mathbf{5}$ 6 determination to a certain standby guardian; authorizing certain nurse 7 practitioners to certify that a certain minor is pregnant or has given birth under certain circumstances; authorizing certain nurse practitioners or certain nurse 8 9 midwives to provide certain information about the birth of a child for purposes 10 of filing a birth certificate; authorizing certain nurse practitioners to complete and sign a certain death certificate under certain circumstances; requiring 11 12 certain nurse practitioners who complete a certain death certificate to give or 13 transmit the certificate to a certain mortician within a certain period of time; 14 authorizing certain nurse practitioners to serve as a witness to a certain 15advance directive under certain circumstances; authorizing certain nurse practitioners to issue a certain oral emergency medical services "do not 16 resuscitate order" under certain circumstances: authorizing certain nurse 17practitioners to conduct a certain examination for purposes of a certain 18 19 involuntary admission; requiring the Department of Health and Mental 20 Hygiene to pay for a certain examination conducted by a certain nurse 21practitioner; authorizing certain nurse practitioners to conduct certain educational training programs for applicants for certification for the Insect 22Sting Emergency Treatment Program; authorizing certain nurse practitioners 23

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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to certify that certain applicants for assignment of a certain special disability
 registration number or plates to a certain vehicle have certain conditions;
 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the certifying authority of
 nurse practitioners.

5	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,				
6	Article – Estates and Trusts				
7	Section 13–906				
8	Annotated Code of Maryland				
9	(2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)				
10	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,				
11	Article – Family Law				
12	Section 2–301				
13	Annotated Code of Maryland				
14	(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)				
15	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,				
16	Article – Health – General				
17	Section 4–208(a), 4–212, 5–601(h) and (o) through (q), 5–602(c) through (e) and				
18	(d), 5–608(c), 10–616(a), 10–628, and 13–704				
19	Annotated Code of Maryland				
20	(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)				
21	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,				
22	Article – Health – General				
23	Section 5–601(a), 5–602(a) <u>and (e)</u> , and 13–701				
24	Annotated Code of Maryland				
25	(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)				
26	BY adding to				
27	Article – Health – General				
28	Section 5–601(o)				
29	Annotated Code of Maryland				
30	(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)				
31	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,				
32	Article – Transportation				
33	Section 13–616(a) and (b)				
34	Annotated Code of Maryland				
35	(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)				
36 37	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
38	Article – Estates and Trusts				

39 13-906.

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$rac{1}{2}$	(a) (1) A determination of incapacity or debilitation under this subtitle shall:
3	(i) Be made by the attending physician OR NURSE
4	PRACTITIONER to a reasonable degree of medical certainty;
5	(ii) Be in writing; and
6	(iii) Contain the attending physician's OR NURSE
7 8	PRACTITIONER'S opinion regarding the cause and nature of the parent's incapacity or debilitation, and the extent and probable duration of the incapacity or debilitation.
9	(2) If a standby guardian's identity is known to an attending physician
10	OR NURSE PRACTITIONER, the attending physician OR NURSE PRACTITIONER
11	shall provide a copy of a determination of incapacity or debilitation to the standby
12	guardian.
13	(b) If requested by a standby guardian, an attending physician OR NURSE
14	PRACTIFIONER shall make a determination regarding the parent's incapacity or
15	debilitation for purposes of this subtitle.
16	(c) If the parent is able to comprehend the information, a standby guardian
17	shall inform the parent of:
18	(1) The beginning of the standby guardian's authority as a result of a
19	determination of incapacity; and
20	(2) The parent's right to revoke the authority promptly after receipt of
21	the determination of incapacity.
22	Article – Family Law
23	2–301.
24	(a) An individual 16 or 17 years old may not marry unless:
$\begin{array}{c} 25\\ 26 \end{array}$	(1) the individual has the consent of a parent or guardian and the parent or guardian swears that the individual is at least 16 years old; or
27 28 29 30 31	(2) if the individual does not have the consent of a parent or guardian, either party to be married gives the clerk a certificate from a licensed physician OR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER stating that the physician OR NURSE PRACTITIONER has examined the woman to be married and has found that she is pregnant or has given birth to a child.

32 (b) An individual 15 years old may not marry unless:

1	(1) the individual has the consent of a parent or guardian; and		
2 3 4 5	(2) either party to be married gives the clerk a certificate from a licensed physician OR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER stating that the physician OR NURSE PRACTITIONER has examined the woman to be married and has found that she is pregnant or has given birth to a child.		
6	(c) An individual under the age of 15 may not marry.		
7	Article – Health – General		
8	4–208.		
9 10 11	(a) (1) Within 72 hours after a birth occurs in an institution, or en route to the institution, the administrative head of the institution or a designee of the administrative head shall:		
$\begin{array}{c} 12 \\ 13 \end{array}$	(i) Prepare, on the form that the Secretary provides, a certificate of birth;		
14	(ii) Secure each signature that is required on the certificate; and		
15	(iii) File the certificate.		
16 17 18	(2) The attending physician, NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR NURSE MIDWIFE shall provide the date of birth and medical information that are required on the certificate within 72 hours after the birth.		
19	4–212.		
20	(a) This section does not apply to a fetal death.		
21 22	(b) (1) A certificate of death regardless of age of decedent shall be filled out and signed by:		
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	(i) The medical examiner, if the medical examiner takes charge of the body; or		
25 26 27	(ii) If the medical examiner does not take charge of the body, the physician OR <u>PHYSICIAN'S COLLABORATING</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER who last attended the deceased.		
28 29 30	(2) The medical examiner [or], physician, OR <u>PHYSICIAN'S</u> <u>COLLABORATING</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER shall fill in only the following information on the certificate of death:		

30 on the certificate of death:

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1		(i)	The name of the deceased.
2		(ii)	The cause of death and medical certification.
3		(iii)	The date and hour of death.
4		(iv)	The place where death occurred.
$5 \\ 6$	(3) regardless of age o	-	other information that is required on the certificate of death dent shall be filled in:
7		(i)	By the person who has charge of the body; or
8 9	person who last h	(ii) ad chai	If the State Anatomy Board has charge of the body, by the rge of the body before it was sent to the State Anatomy Board.
10 11 12 13	NURSE PRACTIT	th cert IONER	medical certification shall be completed within 24 hours after cificate by the physician OR <u>PHYSICIAN'S COLLABORATING</u> in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition except when inquiry is required by the medical examiner.
14 15 16 17	(5) In the absence or inability of the attending physician OR <u>PHYSICIAN'S COLLABORATING</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER or with the attending physician's OR <u>PHYSICIAN'S COLLABORATING</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER'S approval, the certificate may be completed by:		
18 19	associate;	(i)	The attending physician's OR NURSE PRACTITIONER'S
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	which death occur	(ii) red; or	The chief medical officer or designee of the institution in
$22 \\ 23 \\ 24$	provided the indiv to natural causes.	(iii) vidual 1	The physician who performed an autopsy upon the decedent, has access to the medical history of the case and death is due
25 26	(6) shall attest to the	-	person completing the cause of death and medical certification acy by signature or by an approved electronic process.
27 28 29 30	completion or obta	in the ain ass	funeral director or person acting as the funeral director shall e medical certification from the person responsible for its urance that the medical certification has been provided to the d electronic process.
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$rac{1}{2}$	(1) terminal illness;	The deceased was not under treatment by a physician during the		
3	(2)	The cause of death is unknown; or		
4 5	(3) cause of death or to	The individual considers any of the following conditions to be the o have contributed to the death:		
6		(i) An accident, including a fall with a fracture or other injury.		
7		(ii) Homicide.		
8		(iii) Suicide.		
9		(iv) Other external manner of death.		
10		(v) Alcoholism.		
11		(vi) Criminal or suspected criminal abortion.		
$12 \\ 13 \\ 14$	(d) (1) If, within 24 hours after taking charge of a body, the medical examiner has not determined the cause of death, the medical examiner shall enter "investigation pending" in the cause of death section of the death certificate.			
$15 \\ 16 \\ 17$	(2) the medical exami entry on the certifi	As soon as the medical examiner determines the cause of death, iner shall send to the Secretary a report of the cause of death, for icate.		
18 19 20 21	(e) (1) A physician OR A <u>PHYSICIAN'S COLLABORATING</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER who fills out a certificate of death shall give it or transmit it by approved electronic media, including facsimile, to the mortician within 24 hours after the death occurred.			
22 23 24	(2) A medical examiner who fills out a certificate of death shall give it or transmit it by approved electronic media, including facsimile, to the mortician within 24 hours after the medical examiner took charge of the body.			
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	(f) (1) If a death occurs on a common carrier in the United States and the body is removed from the carrier in this State, the death shall be registered in this State, and the place where it is first removed shall be considered the place of death. When a death occurs on a common carrier while in international waters or air space or in a foreign country or its air space and the body is first removed from the carrier in this State, the death shall be registered in this State, but the certificate shall show the actual place of death insofar as can be determined.			

1 (2) The individual in charge or the owner of the common carrier or a 2 designee shall file a certificate of death within 24 hours after the body is removed from 3 the carrier.

4 (3) If the death occurred under any of the conditions or circumstances 5 set forth in subsection (c) of this section, the medical examiner shall be notified.

6 (g) A mortician who obtains a certificate of death under this section shall file 7 the certificate within 72 hours after the death.

8 (h) (1) Except as authorized under this subtitle, an individual who has a 9 duty to fill out and sign a certificate of death may not execute more than one 10 certificate for a death.

11 (2) The attending physician, THE <u>PHYSICIAN'S COLLABORATING</u> 12 NURSE PRACTITIONER, or a medical examiner who takes charge of a body may file a 13 replacement death certificate if a correction that the physician, THE <u>PHYSICIAN'S</u> 14 <u>COLLABORATING</u> NURSE PRACTITIONER, or medical examiner authorizes cannot be 15 entered legibly on the original certificate.

16 5-601.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 "Emergency medical services 'do not resuscitate order" means a (h) 19 physician's **OR NURSE PRACTITIONER'S** written order in a form established by 20protocol issued by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services in 21conjunction with the State Board of Physicians which, in the event of a cardiac or 22respiratory arrest of a particular patient, authorizes certified or licensed emergency 23medical services personnel to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation 24including cardiac compression, endotracheal intubation, other advanced airway 25management techniques, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, and other related 26life-sustaining procedures.

(0) "NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED TO
 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING IN THE STATE AND WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A
 NURSE PRACTITIONER JOINTLY BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE
 STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS UNDER TITLE 8 AND TITLE 14 OF THE HEALTH
 OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

32 [(o)] (P) "Persistent vegetative state" means a condition caused by injury,
 33 disease, or illness:

(1) In which a patient has suffered a loss of consciousness, exhibiting
 no behavioral evidence of self-awareness or awareness of surroundings in a learned
 manner other than reflex activity of muscles and nerves for low level conditioned
 response; and

1 (2) From which, after the passage of a medically appropriate period of 2 time, it can be determined, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that there can 3 be no recovery.

4 [(p)] (Q) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine in the 5 State or in the jurisdiction where the treatment is to be rendered or withheld.

6 [(q)] (R) "Terminal condition" means an incurable condition caused by 7 injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, makes 8 death imminent and from which, despite the application of life-sustaining procedures, 9 there can be no recovery.

10 5-602.

(a) Any competent individual may, at any time, make a written advance
 directive regarding the provision of health care to that individual, or the withholding
 or withdrawal of health care from that individual.

14 (c) (1) A written advance directive shall be dated, signed by or at the 15 express direction of the declarant, and subscribed by two witnesses.

16 (2) (i) Except as provided in items (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, 17 any competent individual may serve as a witness to an advance directive, including an 18 employee of a health care facility, **NURSE PRACTITIONER**, or physician caring for the 19 declarant if acting in good faith.

20 (ii) The health care agent of the declarant may not serve as a 21 witness.

(iii) At least one of the witnesses must be an individual who is
not knowingly entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant or knowingly
entitled to any financial benefit by reason of the death of the declarant.

(d) (1) Any competent individual may make an oral advance directive to
authorize the providing, withholding, or withdrawing of any life–sustaining procedure
or to appoint an agent to make health care decisions for the individual.

(2) An oral advance directive shall have the same effect as a written
 advance directive if made in the presence of the attending physician OR NURSE
 PRACTITIONER and one witness and if the substance of the oral advance directive is
 documented as part of the individual's medical record. The documentation shall be
 dated and signed by the attending physician OR NURSE PRACTITIONER and the
 witness.

34 (e) (1) Unless otherwise provided in the document, an advance directive 35 shall become effective when the declarant's attending physician OR NURSE

1 **PRACTITIONER** and a second physician **OR NURSE PRACTITIONER** certify in writing $\mathbf{2}$ that the patient is incapable of making an informed decision.

3 If a patient is unconscious, or unable to communicate by any (2)4 means, the certification of a second physician OR NURSE PRACTITIONER is not 5 required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

6 5 - 608.

7 This section does not authorize emergency medical services personnel in (c) 8 the outpatient setting to follow an emergency medical services "do not resuscitate 9 order" that is in any form other than:

10 An emergency medical services "do not resuscitate order" described (1)in subsection (a) of this section; 11

12An oral emergency medical services "do not resuscitate order" (2)13 provided by an on-line, emergency medical services medical command and control 14 physician; or

15An oral emergency medical services "do not resuscitate order" (3)16 provided by a physician, as defined in § 5-601 of this subtitle, OR A NURSE 17 **PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED IN § 5–601 OF THIS SUBTITLE,** who is physically 18 present on the scene with the patient and the emergency medical services personnel in the outpatient setting. 19

cortificate for involuntary admission of an individual under Part

2010-616.

21	(a)	(1)	A-cer	tificate for involuntary admission of an individual under Part
22	III of this s u	ubtitle	shall:	
23			(i)	Be based on the personal examination of the physician [or],
24	psychologis	t, OR №	VURSE	PRACTITIONER who signs the certificate; and
25			(ii)	Be in the form that the Secretary adopts, by rule or
26	regulation.			
27		(2)	The r	rules and regulations shall require the form to include:
28			(i)	A diagnosis of a mental disorder of the individual;
29			(ii)	An opinion that the individual needs inpatient care or
30	treatment; ⊣	and		
31			(iii)	An opinion that admission to a facility or Veterans'
32	Administra	tion he	spital	is needed for the protection of the individual or another.

1 10-628.

 $\mathbf{2}$ (a) (1)If an emergency evaluee cannot pay or does not have insurance 3 that covers the charges for emergency services, an initial consultant examination by a 4 physician **OR NURSE PRACTITIONER**, and transportation to an emergency facility and, for an involuntary admission of the emergency evaluee, to the admitting facility, $\mathbf{5}$ 6 the Department shall pay the appropriate party the actual cost or a reasonable rate 7 for this service, whichever is lower, except that hospitals shall be paid at rates 8 approved by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

9 (2) The reasonable rate for the services provided under an emergency 10 petition shall be calculated by using a methodology established by regulation and 11 reasonably related to the actual cost.

12 (b) With respect to emergency admissions, the Department shall be 13 subrogated against any insurance coverage available to the patient for charges 14 relating to emergency service, initial consultant examination by a physician **OR** 15 **NURSE PRACTITIONER**, and transportation to an emergency facility under Part IV of 16 this subtitle.

17 13–701.

18 The Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Program is a program in the 19 Department for the purpose of providing a means of authorizing certain individuals to 20 administer life-saving treatment to persons who have severe adverse reactions to 21 insect stings when physician services or emergency medical services are not 22 immediately available.

23 13–704.

24 (a) To qualify for a certificate, an individual shall meet the requirements of 25 this section.

26 (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

27 (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d) The applicant shall have, or reasonably expect to have, responsibility for
at least one other person as a result of the individual's occupation or volunteer status.

30 (e) (1) The applicant shall successfully complete an educational training
 31 program approved by the Department.

32 (2) Educational training programs required under this subsection33 shall:

1 Be conducted by a physician licensed to practice (i) 1. $\mathbf{2}$ medicine in this State under Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article; [and] OR 3 2. **BE CONDUCTED BY A NURSE PRACTITIONER** 4 LICENSED TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING IN THIS STATE UNDER TITLE 8 $\mathbf{5}$ OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AND WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A NURSE 6 PRACTITIONER JOINTLY BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE STATE 7 **BOARD OF PHYSICIANS; AND** 8 (ii) Include training in: 9 1. The recognition of the symptoms of systemic reactions to insect stings; and 10 11 2. The proper administration of a subcutaneous injection 12of epinephrine. 13**Article – Transportation** 14 13 - 616.In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated. 15(a) (1)16 (2) "CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL 17WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO PRACTICE 18 **REGISTERED NURSING AS DESCRIBED IN § 8–101 OF THE HEALTH** 19 **OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AND WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER** 20 JOINTLY BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE STATE BOARD OF 21**PHYSICIANS.** 22**[**(2)**] (3)** "Licensed chiropractor" means a chiropractor who is licensed 23by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to practice chiropractic or chiropractic with the right to practice physical therapy as described in § 3–301 of the Health 24Occupations Article. 2526 **[**(3)**]**(4) "Licensed optometrist" means an optometrist who is licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Optometry to practice optometry as described in § 2711–101 of the Health Occupations Article. 2829 "Licensed physician" means a physician, including a doctor **[**(4)**] (5)** of osteopathy, who is licensed by the State Board of Physicians to practice medicine as 30 31 described in § 14–101 of the Health Occupations Article. 32**[**(5)**] (6)** "Licensed podiatrist" means a podiatrist who is licensed by 33 the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to practice podiatry as described in § 16–101 of the Health Occupations Article. 34

The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (3) of this 1 (b) (1) $\mathbf{2}$ subsection may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a 3 special disability registration number and special disability registration plates, if a 4 **CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER,** licensed physician, licensed chiropractor, licensed optometrist, or licensed podiatrist certifies, in accordance with paragraph (2) $\mathbf{5}$ 6 of this subsection, that the applicant: $\mathbf{7}$ Has lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) (i) 8 expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter, 9 or arterial oxygen tension (PO2) is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest; 10 (ii) Has cardiovascular disease limitations classified in severity 11 as Class III or Class IV according to standards accepted by the American Heart 12Association: 13Is unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest; (iii) 14 Is unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a (iv) brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, or other assistive device; 1516 (\mathbf{v}) Requires a wheelchair for mobility; 17(vi) Has lost a foot, leg, hand, or arm; 18 Has lost the use of a foot, leg, hand, or arm; (vii) 19 (viii) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that: 201. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better 21eye, with corrective glasses; or 222. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field 23has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an $\mathbf{24}$ angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye; or 25Has a permanent disability that adversely impacts the (ix)26ambulatory ability of the applicant and which is so severe that the person would endure a hardship or be subject to a risk of injury if the privileges accorded a person 2728for whom a vehicle is specially registered under this section were denied. 29 For the purposes of this section, the qualifying disabilities specified (2)30 in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be certified as follows: 31 (i) Α licensed physician CERTIFIED OR NURSE 32**PRACTITIONER** may certify conditions specified in paragraph (1)(i) through (ix) of this

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subsection;

1 (ii) A licensed chiropractor or a licensed podiatrist may certify $\mathbf{2}$ conditions specified in paragraph (1)(iii) through (vii) and (ix) of this subsection; 3 A licensed optometrist may certify the condition specified in (iii) 4 paragraph (1)(viii) of this subsection; and $\mathbf{5}$ Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (1) of this (iv) subsection, the applicant may self-certify conditions specified in paragraph (1)(vi) of 6 7 this subsection by appearing in person with proper identification at a full-service Motor Vehicle Administration office during normal business hours. 8 9 (3)This section applies only to: 10 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle: 11 (ii) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle; 12 A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; (iii) 13(iv) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less 14manufacturer's rated capacity; or 15A Class H, I, or J vehicle that is specially equipped for the (\mathbf{v}) 16 transportation of individuals with disabilities and is used exclusively for the 17transportation of individuals with disabilities. 18 (4)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this 19 subsection, a nursing home, health care facility, adult day care facility, retirement 20 home, or other facility that regularly provides transportation for individuals with 21disabilities may apply to the Administration for special disability registration for 22vehicles owned by the facility. 23An application for special disability registration under this (ii) 24paragraph shall contain: 251. The certification of the owner or operator of the 26facility that the vehicle for which the registration is sought is used exclusively for the 27transportation of individuals with disabilities as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection; and 2829 2. Any other information or documentation concerning 30 the facility or the vehicle that the Administration requires. 31SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 32October 1, 2008.