

# SENATE BILL 128

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations and Professions – Accountants – Continuing Education**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that prohibits a certain  
4 licensee from receiving more than a certain number of credit hours to meet a  
5 certain program requirement if the credit hours are obtained in a certain  
6 manner; and generally relating to continuing education requirements for  
7 certified public accountants.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
10 Section 2–312(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

16 2–312.

17 (a) (1) The Board shall adopt regulations that set, in accordance with this  
18 section, continuing education requirements as a condition to the renewal of licenses  
19 under this subtitle.

20 (2) A continuing education requirement does not apply to the first  
21 renewal of a license.

22 (3) (i) To qualify for any further renewal of a license under this  
23 subtitle, a licensee shall complete, for each 2–year license term, at least 80 hours in  
24 programs that the Board approves.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (ii) If a licensee completes more than 80 hours during a 2-year  
2 license term, the Board shall credit the excess hours to the requirements for the  
3 following term.

4                   [(4) A licensee may meet not more than 40 hours of the program  
5 requirement for a license term, by:

6                   (i) participation in a course of home study that the Board  
7 approves; or

8                   (ii) service as a teacher, lecturer, or discussion leader in a  
9 course approved by the Board in accounting or a related subject.]

10                  [(5)] (4) Except as provided under paragraph [(6)] (5) of this  
11 subsection, a licensee may not be required to take an examination to qualify for license  
12 renewal under this section.

13                  [(6)] (5) On request of a licensee, the Board may allow the licensee to  
14 substitute the passage of an examination for a number of program hours. If the Board  
15 grants a request under this paragraph, the Board shall determine the number of  
16 program hours that the licensee may satisfy by passage of the examination.

17                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2009.