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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Environmental Health Specialists – Transfer of**
3 **Responsibilities**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians to be the
5 State Board of Environmental Health Specialists; transferring the Board and
6 certain functions, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and records from the
7 Department of the Environment to the Department of Health and Mental
8 Hygiene; renaming environmental sanitarians to be environmental health
9 specialists; altering the length of terms for certain Board members; altering a
10 certain date relating to the staggering of the terms of Board members; altering
11 the number of terms certain Board members may serve; requiring the Board to
12 notify certain environmental health specialists of certain vacancies on the
13 Board and provide the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with a list of a
14 certain number of candidates for each vacancy; requiring the Board to
15 determine the duties of certain officers; clarifying certain quorum requirements;
16 authorizing the Board to employ certain staff in accordance with the budget of
17 the Board; authorizing the Board to sue to enforce certain provisions by
18 injunction and issue certain subpoenas, summon certain witnesses, administer
19 certain oaths, take certain affidavits, and take certain testimony; requiring that
20 certain applicants be of good moral character and at least a certain age;
21 authorizing the Board to waive certain education and training requirements for
22 an applicant to qualify to take the licensing examination under certain
23 conditions; authorizing the Board to send certain notices by electronic means;
24 requiring the Board to maintain certain records and a certain database
25 regarding disciplinary matters; establishing a certain violation for failing to
26 cooperate with certain investigations; prohibiting certain persons from using
27 certain titles and initials; altering certain penalties; extending the termination
28 date of the Board; requiring that the Department of Legislative Services
29 evaluate the Board by a certain date; providing that certain Board members
30 may continue to serve for a certain term and that certain provisions will apply
31 to certain vacancies on the Board; providing measures for continuity for certain

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 license and certificate holders during a certain transition period; expressing the
 2 intent of the General Assembly that the Department of the Environment and
 3 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene cooperate to ensure adequate
 4 funding is available to support the Board during a certain fiscal year;
 5 expressing the intent of the General Assembly that the Board implement
 6 certain measures; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; repealing
 7 laws inconsistent with this Act; requiring the Board to repeal certain
 8 regulations; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in
 9 consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to automatically
 10 make certain corrections in a certain manner; repealing certain obsolete
 11 provisions; making certain technical, conforming, and stylistic changes; defining
 12 certain terms; and generally relating to the State Board of Environmental
 13 Health Specialists.

14 BY transferring

15 Article – Environment

16 Section 11–101 through 11–502, respectively, and the title “Title 11.
 17 Environmental Sanitarians”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 to be

21 Article – Health Occupations

22 Section 21–101 through 21–502, respectively, and the title “Title 21.
 23 Environmental Sanitarians”

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

27 Article – Health Occupations

28 Section 21–101; 21–201 through 21–205 to be under the amended subtitle

29 “Subtitle 2. State Board of Environmental Health Specialists”; 21–301

30 through 21–310, 21–312 through 21–315, 21–401, 21–402, 21–501, and

31 21–502 to be under the amended title “Title 21. Environmental Health

32 Specialists”

33 Annotated Code of Maryland

34 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

35 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

36 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

37 Article – Health Occupations

38 Section 21–102, 21–206, 21–207, and 21–311

39 Annotated Code of Maryland

40 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

41 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

42 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

43 Article – State Government

1 Section 8–403(b)(22)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 11–101 through 11–502, respectively, and the title “Title
6 11. Environmental Sanitarians” of Article – Environment of the Annotated Code of
7 Maryland be transferred to be Section(s) 21–101 through 21–502, respectively, and the
8 title “Title 21. Environmental Sanitarians” of Article – Health Occupations of the
9 Annotated Code of Maryland.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
11 read as follows:

12 **Article – Health Occupations**

13 Title 21. Environmental [Sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS.**

14 Subtitle 1. General Provisions.

15 21–101.

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

17 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Environmental [Sanitarians] **HEALTH**
18 **SPECIALISTS.**

19 (c) “**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST**” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
20 WHO PRACTICES AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.

21 (d) “**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST–IN–TRAINING**” MEANS AN
22 INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED
23 UNDER THIS TITLE BUT HAS NOT YET COMPLETED THE ENVIRONMENTAL
24 HEALTH SPECIALIST–IN–TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER § 21–305 OF
25 THIS TITLE.

26 (e) “**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST–IN–TRAINING PROGRAM**”
27 MEANS A PROGRAM OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE UNDER THE SUPERVISION
28 OF A LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL
29 ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

30 [(c)](f) “Hours of approved training” means the value given to
31 participation in continuing education or experience as approved by the Board.

1 **[(d)](G)** “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license
2 issued by the Board to practice as an environmental **[sanitarian] HEALTH**
3 **SPECIALIST**.

4 **(H)** **“LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST” MEANS AN**
5 **INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL**
6 **HEALTH SPECIALIST**.

7 **[(e)](I)** “Practice as an environmental **[sanitarian] HEALTH SPECIALIST**”
8 means, as a major component of employment, to apply academic principles, methods
9 and procedures of the environmental, physical, biological, and health sciences to the
10 inspections and investigations necessary to collect and analyze data and to make
11 decisions necessary to secure compliance with federal, State, and local health and
12 environmental laws and regulations specifically relating to control of the public health
13 aspects of the environment including:

- 14 (1) The manufacture, preparation, handling, distribution, or sale of
15 food and milk;
- 16 (2) Water supply and treatment;
- 17 (3) Wastewater treatment and disposal;
- 18 (4) Solid waste management and disposal;
- 19 (5) Vector control;
- 20 (6) Insect and rodent control;
- 21 (7) Air quality;
- 22 (8) Noise control;
- 23 (9) Product safety;
- 24 (10) Recreational sanitation; and
- 25 (11) Institutional and residential sanitation.

26 **[(f)]** “Registered environmental sanitarian” means an individual who is
27 licensed by the Board to practice as an environmental sanitarian.

28 **(g)** “Sanitarian-in-training” means an individual who meets the educational
29 qualifications required under this title but has not yet completed the
30 sanitarian-in-training program required under § 11-305 of this title.

1 (h) "Sanitarian-in-training program" means a program of training and
2 experience under the supervision of a registered environmental sanitarian or other
3 individual acceptable to the Board.]

4 21-102.

5 This title does not prohibit an individual from practicing any other profession or
6 occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under the laws of the State.

7 Subtitle 2. State Board of Environmental [Sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS**.

8 21-201.

9 There is a State Board of Environmental [Sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS**
10 in the Department.

11 21-202.

12 (a) (1) The Board consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor with
13 the advice of the Secretary, and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

14 (2) Of the 9 Board members:

15 (i) 7 shall be [registered] **LICENSED** environmental
16 [sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS** appointed as follows:

17 1. 1 shall be employed by private industry;

18 2. 1 shall be employed by the Department of the
19 Environment;

20 3. 1 shall be employed by the Department [of Health and
21 Mental Hygiene];

22 4. 1 shall be employed by a local health department and
23 be employed under the State Personnel Management System;

24 5. 1 shall be employed by a local government and not be
25 employed under the State Personnel Management System; and

26 6. 2 shall be appointed at large[. Their selection shall
27 balance the Board as to geographical distribution throughout the State and may not
28 include a second selection from any jurisdiction already represented]; and

29 (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.

1 (3) All Board members shall be residents of the State.

2 (B) THE MEMBERS APPOINTED AT LARGE SHALL REASONABLY REFLECT
3 THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

4 [(b)] (C) (1) The consumer members of the Board:

5 [(1)] (I) Shall be members of the general public;

6 [(2)] (II) May not be [registered] LICENSED environmental
7 [sanitarians] HEALTH SPECIALISTS;

8 [(3)] (III) May not have a household member who is a [registered]
9 LICENSED environmental [sanitarian] HEALTH SPECIALIST;

10 [(4)] (IV) May not participate or ever have participated in a related
11 commercial or professional field;

12 [(5)] (V) May not have a household member who participates in a
13 related commercial or professional field; and

14 [(6)] (VI) May not have had within 2 years before appointment a
15 substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.

16 [(c)] (2) While a member of the Board, a consumer member may not have a
17 substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.

18 (d) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath
19 required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

20 (e) (1) The term of a member is [5] 4 years.

21 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
22 provided for members of the Board on [July 1, 1981] JULY 1, 2012.

23 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor
24 is appointed and qualifies.

25 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
26 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

27 (5) [After July 1, 1984, a] A member may not serve more than [1] 2
28 consecutive [5-year term] TERMS.

1 **(F) FOR EACH VACANCY OF A LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
2 **SPECIALIST MEMBER, THE BOARD SHALL:**

3 **(1) SOLICIT NOMINATIONS BY NOTIFYING ALL LICENSED**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS OF THE VACANCY; AND**

5 **(2) SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY A LIST OF AT LEAST THREE**
6 **CANDIDATES FOR EACH VACANCY.**

7 **[(f)] (G) [The] ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY, THE**
8 **Governor may remove a member for incompetence, misconduct, neglect of duty, or**
9 **other sufficient cause.**

10 21–203.

11 (a) From among its members, the Board annually shall elect a chairman, a
12 vice chairman, and a secretary.

13 (b) **[The manner of election of officers shall be as the Board determines.]**
14 **THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE:**

15 **(1) THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS; AND**

16 **(2) THE DUTIES OF EACH OFFICER.**

17 21–204.

18 (a) **[Five members] A MAJORITY** of the Board **[are] IS** a quorum.

19 (b) **[(1)]** The Board shall meet at least twice a year, at the times and places
20 that the Board determines.

21 **[(2)]** Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Board
22 secretary at:

23 (i) The written request of 2 Board members or 5 registered
24 environmental sanitarians; or

25 (ii) The direction of the Secretary of the Environment.]

26 (c) A member of the Board:

27 (1) May receive compensation as provided in the State budget; and

1 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
2 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

3 (d) The Board may employ a staff in accordance with the [State] budget **OF**
4 **THE BOARD.**

5 21–205.

6 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may
7 [adopt]:

8 (1) **ADOPT** rules, regulations, and bylaws [as may be necessary] to
9 carry out the provisions of this title;

10 (2) **SUE TO ENFORCE ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE BY**
11 **INJUNCTION; AND**

12 (3) **ISSUE SUBPOENAS, SUMMON WITNESSES, ADMINISTER OATHS,**
13 **TAKE AFFIDAVITS, AND TAKE TESTIMONY ABOUT MATTERS THAT RELATE TO**
14 **THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.**

15 (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:

16 (1) Keep a current record of all [registered] **LICENSED** environmental
17 [sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS;**

18 (2) Collect and account for fees provided under this title;

19 (3) Pay all necessary expenses of the Board in accordance with the
20 State budget;

21 (4) Keep a complete record of its proceedings;

22 (5) File an annual report of its activities, including a financial
23 statement, with the Governor and the Secretary; and

24 (6) Adopt an official seal.

25 21–206.

26 (a) Except for the fees specifically set by this title, the Board may set
27 reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and its other services.

28 (b) The Board shall pay all funds collected under this title into the General
29 Fund of this State.

1 21-207.

2 A person shall have the immunity from liability described under § 5-702 of the
3 Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article for giving information to the Board or
4 otherwise participating in its activities.

5 Subtitle 3. Licensing.

6 21-301.

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed
8 by the Board before the individual may practice as an environmental [sanitarian]
9 **HEALTH SPECIALIST** in this State.

10 (b) This section does not apply to:

11 (1) [~~A sanitarian-in-training~~] **AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
12 **SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER § 21-305 OF THIS**
13 **SUBTITLE;**

14 (2) A student participating in a field experience as part of an
15 educational program; **AND**

16 (3) [An applicant for licensure in accordance with § 11-304(b)(5) of
17 this subtitle; and

18 (4)] A qualified individual in any of the following job classifications:

19 (i) Industrial hygienists as defined by the American Industrial
20 Hygiene Association;

21 (ii) Certified industrial hygienists and industrial hygienists in
22 training as defined by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene;

23 (iii) Health planners or natural resource planners;

24 (iv) Building and housing inspectors;

25 (v) Geologists;

26 (vi) Chemists;

27 (vii) Meteorologists;

28 (viii) Laboratory scientists;

- 1 (ix) Professional engineers who are licensed in this State under
2 Title 14 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article and whose **NORMAL**
3 professional activities are [normally included] **AMONG THE ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED**
4 in [§ 11–101(e)] **§ 21–101(I)** of this title;
- 5 (x) Public health engineers and water resources engineers
6 employed by the State or a local subdivision;
- 7 (xi) Hydrographers and hydrographic engineers;
- 8 (xii) Natural resources managers;
- 9 (xiii) Natural resources biologists;
- 10 (xiv) Program administrators, administration directors,
11 administrators, administrative officers, and administrative specialists;
- 12 (xv) Paraprofessional personnel, aides, and technicians whose
13 routine duties include monitoring, sampling, and recording of data;
- 14 (xvi) Persons employed by the Department of Natural Resources
15 or related county departments who perform duties and responsibilities under the
16 Natural Resources Article;
- 17 (xvii) Persons employed by the Department of the Environment or
18 related county departments who perform duties and responsibilities for erosion and
19 sediment control, stormwater management, or oil pollution control under Title 4 of
20 [this article] **THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE**;
- 21 (xviii) Persons employed by the Department of the Environment or
22 related county departments who perform duties and responsibilities for ambient air
23 monitoring under Title 2 of [this article] **THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE** or for motor
24 vehicle pollution control under Title 2 of [this article] **THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE**
25 or Title 23 of the Transportation Article;
- 26 (xix) Persons employed by the Division of Labor and Industry of
27 the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation who perform duties and
28 responsibilities under the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act;
- 29 (xx) Occupational safety and health technologists as defined by
30 the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and the Board of Certified Safety
31 Professionals;
- 32 (xxi) Safety professionals as defined by the American Society of
33 Safety Engineers;

1 (xxii) Certified safety professionals and associate safety
2 professionals as defined by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals;

3 (xxiii) Persons employed by industrial operations whose
4 environmental services are performed solely for their employer; and

5 (xxiv) State milk safety inspectors performing duties under the
6 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments and employed by the Department
7 [of Health and Mental Hygiene].

8 21–302.

9 To apply for licensure **AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST**, an
10 applicant shall:

11 (1) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board
12 requires;

13 (2) (i) Submit verification from the applicant's employer or
14 supervisor on forms required by the Board that the applicant has successfully
15 completed [a sanitarian-in-training] **AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
16 **SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING** program; or

17 (ii) Provide independent written verification from the
18 applicant's employer or any prior work experience in the field of environmental health
19 used by the applicant to satisfy the [sanitarian-in-training] **ENVIRONMENTAL**
20 **HEALTH SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING** requirement of this title; and

21 (3) Pay to the Board the required [application and examination fee]
22 **FEES** set by the Board.

23 21–303.

24 (a) To qualify for licensure under this title, an applicant shall meet the
25 requirements of this section.

26 **(B) THE APPLICANT MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.**

27 **(C) THE APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.**

28 **[(b) (D)] (D)** An applicant shall be licensed by the Board if the applicant:

29 (1) Qualifies for the examination required under [§ 11–304] **§ 21–304**
30 of this subtitle; and

31 (2) Takes and attains a passing score on the examination.

1 [(c) An applicant employed as an environmental sanitarian on or before June
2 30, 1985 may be licensed without taking the examination required under this section if
3 the applicant meets the educational and training requirements set forth in § 11-304 of
4 this subtitle and the applicant applied for licensure to the Board before July 1, 1994.

5 (d)] (E) The Board may waive any examination requirement under this
6 section if the Board considers the applicant to be recognized as outstanding in the field
7 of environmental health.

8 21-304.

9 (a) An applicant who otherwise qualifies for licensure is entitled to be
10 examined as provided in this section.

11 (b) An applicant qualifies to take the examination if the applicant:

12 (1) (i) Has graduated from an accredited college or university with
13 a baccalaureate degree in environmental science or environmental health; and

14 (ii) Has obtained 12 months of experience in [a
15 sanitarian-in-training] AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING
16 program approved by the Board; [or]

17 (2) (i) Has graduated from an accredited college or university with
18 a baccalaureate degree in the physical, biological, or environmental sciences including:

19 1. A minimum of 60 semester credit hours or the
20 equivalent quarter credit hours of physical, biological, and environmental sciences
21 acceptable to the Board which includes at least [1] ONE laboratory course in [2] TWO
22 of the following fields: [chemistry, physics, and biology]

23 A. CHEMISTRY;

24 B. PHYSICS; AND

25 C. BIOLOGY; and

26 2. A course in mathematics; and

27 (ii) Has obtained 12 months of experience in [a
28 sanitarian-in-training] AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING
29 program approved by the Board; [or]

30 (3) (i) Has graduated from an accredited college or university with
31 a baccalaureate degree that includes:

1 1. 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent [in]
2 quarter [units] **CREDIT HOURS** in the physical, biological, and environmental sciences
3 acceptable to the Board, which includes at least [1] **ONE** laboratory course in [2] **TWO**
4 of the following fields: [chemistry, physics, and biology]

5 **A. CHEMISTRY;**

6 **B. PHYSICS; AND**

7 **C. BIOLOGY; and**

8 2. A course in mathematics; and

9 (ii) Has obtained 24 months of experience in [a
10 sanitarian-in-training] **AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING**
11 program approved by the Board; or

12 (4) Has graduated from an accredited college or university with a
13 master's degree in public or environmental health science that includes:

14 (i) 30 semester [units] **CREDIT HOURS** or 45 quarter [units]
15 **CREDIT HOURS** of physical, biological, or environmental sciences acceptable to the
16 Board, which includes at least [1] **ONE** laboratory course in [2] **TWO** of the following
17 fields: [biology, chemistry, and physics]

18 **1. CHEMISTRY;**

19 **2. PHYSICS; AND**

20 **3. BIOLOGY;**

21 (ii) A course in mathematics; and

22 (iii) 3 months of internship approved by the Board if not
23 previously completed[]; or

24 (5) (i) Has obtained at least 10 years of experience in the field of
25 environmental health acceptable to the Board and the applicant applied for licensure
26 to the Board before July 1, 1995; and

27 (ii) Takes and passes the examination within 2 years of
28 application for licensure].

1 (c) **(1)** **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT**
2 **AN APPLICANT DEMONSTRATE COMPLETION OF A BACCALAUREATE OR**
3 **MASTER’S DEGREE TO QUALIFY FOR EXAMINATION.**

4 **(2)** **THE BOARD MAY WAIVE ANY OF THE SPECIFIC COURSE**
5 **REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPLICANT TO QUALIFY FOR EXAMINATION IN**
6 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT AN**
7 **APPLICANT:**

8 **(I)** **HAS OBTAINED AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF CREDIT**
9 **HOURS IN A COURSE RELEVANT TO PRACTICE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
10 **SPECIALIST; OR**

11 **(II)** **HAS WORK EXPERIENCE THAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE**
12 **SUBSTITUTE FOR A COURSE REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

13 **(3)** **THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT IN**
14 **SUBSECTION (B)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT AN**
15 **APPLICANT:**

16 **(I)** **HAS OBTAINED AT LEAST 12 MONTHS OF EXPERIENCE**
17 **IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST–IN–TRAINING PROGRAM; AND**

18 **(II)** **HAS THE WRITTEN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICANT’S**
19 **EMPLOYER.**

20 **(D)** The examination shall include a written examination in the physical,
21 biological, and environmental sciences that relates to practices and principles of
22 environmental health.

23 **[(d)] (E)** The Board shall give examinations to applicants at least once a
24 year, at the times and places that the Board determines.

25 **[(e)] (F)** The Board shall notify each qualified applicant of the time and
26 place of examination.

27 **[(f)] (G)** **(1)** Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the Board
28 shall determine the subjects, scope, form, and passing score for examinations given
29 under this subtitle.

30 **(2)** The Board shall use professional examinations prepared by
31 recognized examination agencies.

32 **(3)** Examination papers shall identify the applicant only by a number
33 assigned by the Board secretary.

1 **[(g)] (H)** Examination papers shall be filed with the Board secretary and
2 kept at least 1 year.

3 **[(h)] (I)** (1) An applicant who fails an examination may retake the
4 examination as provided in the rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

5 (2) An applicant for reexamination shall:

6 (i) Submit to the Board an application on the form the Board
7 requires; and

8 (ii) Pay to the Board a reexamination fee set by the Board.

9 **[(i)] (J)** Unless authorized by the Board, the consumer **[member]**
10 **MEMBERS** of the Board may not participate in any activity related to examinations
11 under this subtitle.

12 21-305.

13 The Board shall adopt regulations that include:

14 (1) The establishment of **[a sanitarian-in-training]** **AN**
15 **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING** program for applicants to
16 obtain the necessary experience to qualify to take the examination; and

17 (2) A condition that a person may not participate in **[a**
18 **sanitarian-in-training]** **AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING**
19 program for more than 3 years, unless **[approved]** **GRANTED AN EXTENSION** by the
20 Board.

21 21-306.

22 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may make a reciprocal
23 agreement with any other state to waive any examination requirement of this title for
24 an applicant who is licensed as **[a registered]** **AN** environmental **[sanitarian]** **HEALTH**
25 **SPECIALIST** or its equivalent in that state.

26 (b) An agreement made under this section may allow the Board to grant a
27 waiver only if the applicant:

28 (1) Pays the application fee required by **[\$ 11-302] § 21-302** of this
29 subtitle; and

30 (2) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

1 (i) Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title; and

2 (ii) Became licensed in the other state after passing in that or
3 any other state an examination that is similar to the examination for which the
4 applicant is seeking the waiver.

5 (c) An agreement may be made with another state under this section only if,
6 under the agreement, the other state waives the examination of [registered]
7 **LICENSED** environmental [sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS** of this State to a
8 similar extent as this State waives the examination requirements for individuals
9 licensed in that state.

10 21–307.

11 (a) The Board shall license and issue the appropriate licensure to any
12 applicant who meets the requirements of this title.

13 (b) The Board shall include on each license that it issues:

14 (1) The designation [“registered environmental sanitarian”]
15 **“LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST”**;

16 (2) The name of the license holder;

17 (3) The date of issue and serial number of the license;

18 (4) The Board seal; and

19 (5) The signature of the Board’s representative.

20 (c) The Board shall issue a new license to replace a lost, destroyed, or
21 mutilated license if the license holder pays a fee that is set by the Board.

22 21–308.

23 Licensure authorizes an individual to practice as an environmental [sanitarian]
24 **HEALTH SPECIALIST** while the license is in effect.

25 21–309.

26 (a) A license expires on the date specified on the license, unless it is renewed
27 for a 2–year term as provided in this section.

28 (b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the
29 licensee, by first–class mail **OR ELECTRONIC MEANS** to the last known address **OR**
30 **ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS** of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:

- 1 (1) The date on which the current license expires;
- 2 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
3 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires;
- 4 (3) The amount of the renewal fee; and
- 5 (4) The hours of approved training required for renewal of licensure.
- 6 (c) Before the license expires, the licensee may renew it for an additional
7 2-year term, if the licensee:
- 8 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- 9 (2) Pays to the Board the renewal fee set by the Board;
- 10 (3) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the
11 Board requires; and
- 12 (4) Submits to the Board proof that during the previous 2-year period,
13 the licensee has acquired 20 hours of approved training in environmental health or
14 other equivalent education as approved by the Board.

15 (d) The renewal license shall bear the same serial number assigned to the
16 licensee at the time of the original registration or licensure.

17 21-310.

18 The Board shall reinstate the license of a [registered] **LICENSED** environmental
19 [sanitarian] **HEALTH SPECIALIST** who has failed to renew the license for any reason
20 if the [registered] **LICENSED** environmental [sanitarian] **HEALTH SPECIALIST**:

- 21 (1) Pays the Board all lapsed renewal fees and demonstrates that
22 training as required by the Board has been completed;
- 23 (2) Reapplies and meets the qualifications and requirements for
24 licensure; and
- 25 (3) Pays to the Board a reinstatement fee set by the Board.

26 21-311.

- 27 (a) The Board shall keep a current record of each application for licensure.
- 28 (b) The record shall include:

- 1 (1) The name, residence address, and age of each applicant;
 - 2 (2) The name and address of the applicant's employer;
 - 3 (3) The date of the application;
 - 4 (4) Complete information on the education and experience
5 qualifications of each applicant;
 - 6 (5) The date the Board reviewed and acted on the application;
 - 7 (6) The action taken by the Board on the application;
 - 8 (7) The serial number of any registration or license issued to the
9 applicant; and
 - 10 (8) Any other information that the Board considers necessary.
- 11 21-312.
- 12 (a) The Board shall adopt a code of ethics designed to protect the public's
13 interest.
 - 14 (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of [~~§ 11-313~~] **§ 21-313** of this subtitle,
15 the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may
16 deny any applicant licensure, reprimand any licensee, or place any individual who is
17 licensed on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:
 - 18 (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license
19 for the applicant or license holder or another;
 - 20 (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;
 - 21 (3) Knowingly violates any provision of this title, or any rule or
22 regulation adopted under this title;
 - 23 (4) Commits any gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct while
24 performing the duties of an environmental [~~sanitarian~~] **HEALTH SPECIALIST**;
 - 25 (5) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a
26 crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is
27 pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;
 - 28 (6) Provides professional services while:
 - 29 (i) Under the influence of alcohol; or

1 (ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as
2 defined in § 5–101 of the Criminal Law Article, or other drug that is in excess of
3 therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication;

4 (7) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other
5 state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act
6 that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

7 (8) Willfully makes or files a false report or record while performing
8 the duties of an environmental [sanitarian] **HEALTH SPECIALIST**;

9 (9) Willfully fails to file or record any report as required by law,
10 willfully impedes or obstructs the filing or recording of the report, or induces another
11 to fail to file or record the report;

12 (10) Submits a false statement to collect a fee;

13 (11) Promotes the sale of land, devices, appliances, or goods provided
14 for a person in such a manner as to exploit the person for financial gain of the
15 [registered] **LICENSED** environmental [sanitarian] **HEALTH SPECIALIST**;

16 (12) Willfully alters a sample, specimen, or any test procedure to cause
17 the results upon analysis to represent a false finding;

18 (13) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;

19 (14) Uses or promotes or causes the use of any misleading, deceiving, or
20 untruthful advertising matter, promotional literature, or testimonial; [or]

21 (15) Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent; **OR**

22 **(16) FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION**
23 **CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD.**

24 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any person, including
25 a Board employee, may make a written, specific charge of a violation under this
26 section, if the person:

27 (1) Swears to the charge; and

28 (2) Files the charge with the Board secretary.

29 (d) (1) If a [registered] **LICENSED** environmental [sanitarian] **HEALTH**
30 **SPECIALIST** knows of an action or condition that might be grounds for action under
31 subsection (b) of this section, the [registered] **LICENSED** environmental [sanitarian]
32 **HEALTH SPECIALIST** shall report the action or condition to the Board; and

1 (2) An individual shall have the immunity from liability described
2 under § 5–702 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article for making a report as
3 required by this subsection.

4 21–313.

5 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Administrative Procedure Act,
6 before the Board takes any action under [§ 11–312] § 21–312 of this subtitle, it shall
7 give the individual against whom this action is contemplated an opportunity for a
8 hearing before the Board.

9 (2) A hearing shall be held within a reasonable time not to exceed 6
10 months after charges have been brought.

11 (b) The Board shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with the
12 Administrative Procedure Act.

13 (c) [At least 30 days before the hearing, the hearing notice to be given to the
14 individual shall be served in accordance with § 1–204 of this article.

15 (d)] The individual may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

16 [(e)](D) Over the signature of an officer or the administrator of the Board,
17 the Board may issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with any
18 investigation under this title and any hearings or proceedings before it.

19 [(f)](E) If, without lawful excuse, a person disobeys a subpoena from the
20 Board or an order by the Board to take an oath or to testify or answer a question, then,
21 on petition of the Board, a court of competent jurisdiction may punish the person as for
22 contempt of court.

23 [(g)](F) If, after due notice, the individual against whom the action is
24 contemplated fails or refuses to appear, the Board may hear and determine the
25 matter.

26 **(G) (1) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF ALL**
27 **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS THAT INCLUDES:**

28 **(I) THE DATE THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO THE BOARD;**

29 **(II) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIFIC**
30 **ALLEGATIONS;**

31 **(III) A COPY OF ANY WRITTEN EVIDENCE REVIEWED BY THE**
32 **BOARD IN EVALUATING THE MATTER; AND**

1 (IV) A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THE FINAL ACTION OF THE
2 BOARD INCLUDING THE DATE OF THE ACTION AND THE BASIS FOR THE ACTION.

3 (2) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE OF
4 ALL DISCIPLINARY MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD THAT IS
5 SEARCHABLE, AT A MINIMUM, BY:

6 (I) THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S FINAL ACTION;

7 (II) THE NAME OF THE AFFECTED LICENSEE; AND

8 (III) THE TYPE OF FINAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD,
9 INCLUDING NO ACTION.

10 21-314.

11 Except as provided in this section for an action under [§ 11-312] § 21-312 of
12 this subtitle, any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board in a contested case,
13 as defined in § 10-202 of the State Government Article, may take an appeal as allowed
14 in §§ 10-222 and 10-223 of the State Government Article.

15 21-315.

16 The Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its full [authorized]
17 APPOINTED membership, may reinstate the license of an individual whose license has
18 been revoked.

19 Subtitle 4. Prohibited Acts; Penalties.

20 21-401.

21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, unless a person is licensed
22 under this title, the person may not practice as an environmental [sanitarian]
23 HEALTH SPECIALIST.

24 (b) Unless a person is licensed under this title, the person may not use the
25 title ["registered environmental sanitarian"] "ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
26 SPECIALIST" OR "LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST" or the
27 initials ["R.S."] "E.H.S." OR "L.E.H.S." after the name of the person or any other
28 title with the intent to represent that the person is licensed to practice as an
29 environmental [sanitarian] HEALTH SPECIALIST.

30 21-402.

1 A person who violates any provision of [§ 11–301] **§ 21–301** of this title or [§
2 11–401] **§ 21–401** of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is
3 subject to a fine not exceeding [\\$100] **\\$5,000** or imprisonment not exceeding [60 days]
4 **2 YEARS** or both.

5 Subtitle 5. Short Title; Termination of Title.

6 21–501.

7 This title may be cited as the “Maryland Environmental [Sanitarian] **HEALTH**
8 **SPECIALISTS Act**”.

9 21–502.

10 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program
11 Evaluation Act, the provisions of this title and of any rule or regulation adopted under
12 this title shall terminate and be of no effect after [July 1, 2013] **JULY 1, 2017**.

13 Article – State Government

14 8–403.

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before
16 the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation
17 shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and
18 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

19 (22) Environmental [Sanitarians] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS**, State Board
20 of ([§ 11–201] **§ 21–201** of the [Environment] **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS** Article: July
21 1, [2012] **2016**);

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a member of the State
23 Board of Environmental Sanitarians who is serving on the Board before July 1, 2012,
24 shall continue to serve on the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists for the
25 remainder of the member’s term and that the provisions of § 21–202 of the Health
26 Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, shall apply to any vacancy on
27 the Board on or after July 1, 2012.

28 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on July 1, 2012, all the
29 functions, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and records of the State Board of
30 Environmental Sanitarians shall be transferred to the State Board of Environmental
31 Health Specialists.

32 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on July 1, 2012, an
33 individual who holds a license to practice as an environmental sanitarian issued by
34 the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians in all respects shall be considered

1 licensed by the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists and, subject to the
2 provisions of this Act, for the remainder of the term of the individual's license. On
3 expiration of the individual's license, the individual may qualify for renewal of a
4 license under § 21–309 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 2 of
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if on or after July 1,
7 2012, an individual holds a license issued by the State Board of Environmental
8 Sanitarians and the individual fails to timely renew the license, the individual may
9 qualify for reinstatement of the license under § 21–310 of the Health Occupations
10 Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.

11 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That each certificate of
12 eligibility and sanitarian-in-training certificate issued by the State Board of
13 Environmental Sanitarians prior to July 1, 2012, in all respects, shall be considered
14 issued by the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists and, subject to the
15 provisions of this Act, remain valid for the remainder of the term of the certificate. On
16 expiration of the certificate, the certificate holder may qualify for renewal of the
17 certificate as provided in regulations adopted by the State Board of Environmental
18 Health Specialists, as enacted by this Act.

19 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
20 General Assembly that the Department of the Environment and the Department of
21 Health and Mental Hygiene cooperate to ensure adequate funding for the State Board
22 of Environmental Health Specialists during fiscal 2013, including a supplemental
23 budget request if necessary.

24 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

25 (a) To ensure that individuals performing similar duties related to protecting
26 public health are regulated uniformly, the State Board of Environmental Health
27 Specialists, in consultation with the Maryland Association of County Health Officers
28 and the Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors, shall develop
29 recommendations about revising existing statutory exemptions from the requirement
30 to be licensed to practice as an environmental sanitarian based on job duties.

31 (b) On or before October 1, 2013, the State Board of Environmental Health
32 Specialists shall report its recommendations under subsection (a) of this section to the
33 General Assembly.

34 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
35 General Assembly that the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists
36 implement the measures outlined by the Department of Legislative Services in
37 Chapter 5 of the November 2011 publication "Sunset Review: Evaluation of the State
38 Board of Environmental Sanitarians" relating to the transfer of the Board of
39 Environmental Sanitarians to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

1 SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of
2 Environmental Health Specialists shall adopt regulations to:

3 (a) Align the minimum score required to pass the qualifying examination
4 offered by the National Environmental Health Association with the passing score that
5 is set by the National Environmental Health Association;

6 (b) Repeal the requirement for applicants for licensure to submit a study
7 plan after three attempts to pass the qualifying examination; and

8 (c) Set forth the Board's requirements related to continuing education.

9 SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

10 (a) The provisions of § 8-404 of the State Government Article requiring a
11 preliminary evaluation do not apply to the State Board of Environmental Health
12 Specialists before the evaluation required on or before July 1, 2016.

13 (b) As part of the evaluation of the Board to be conducted on or before July 1,
14 2016, the Department of Legislative Services shall examine the potential to institute a
15 mandatory reporting requirement for employers that complements the Board's
16 disciplinary policy.

17 SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

18 (a) All laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with
19 this Act are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

20 (b) The State Board of Environmental Health Specialists shall repeal the
21 regulations of the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians that are inconsistent
22 with this Act.

23 SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publishers of the
24 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the
25 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by
26 the General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this
27 Act or any other Act of the General Assembly of 2012 that affects provisions enacted
28 by this Act. The publishers shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's
29 note following the section affected.

30 SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
31 effect July 1, 2012.