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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – License Renewal, Investigation of Alleged Violations, and Immunity from Liability

- 4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain health occupations boards within the $\mathbf{5}$ Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a certain electronic 6 system for the purpose of distributing certain licenses, permits, certifications, or 7 registrations; requiring the system to meet certain requirements; requiring 8 certain boards to discontinue sending by first-class mail certain renewal notices 9 and a renewed license, permit, certificate, or registration; requiring certain boards to send by electronic means certain renewal notices and a renewed 10 license, permit, certification, or registration; requiring certain boards to 11 12continue to send by first-class mail an initial license, permit, certification, or 13 registration; requiring certain health occupations boards to investigate certain 14violations of law; providing immunity from liability for certain persons who 15provide certain information to certain health occupations boards or participate 16 in certain activities; authorizing certain health occupations boards to send a 17certain notice by electronic means or first-class mail; providing that certain individuals who act in good faith and within the scope of jurisdiction of certain 18 19boards are not civilly liable for providing certain information or for participating 20in certain activities; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making 21certain conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the health 22occupations boards and license renewal, investigation of alleged violations, and 23immunity from liability.
- 24 BY adding to
- 25 Article Health Occupations
- 26 Section 1–220, 1A–207, 5–207, 17–207, and 20–208
- 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 28 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)
- 29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Article - Health Occupations} \\ \mbox{Section 1A-205, 1A-306(b), 2-308(b), 3-308(b), 3-5A-10(b), 4-309, 4-505, $5-205, 5-308(b), 7-314(b), 9-311(b), 10-205, 10-311(b), 11-205, $11-308(b), 13-206, 16-307(b), 17-504(b), 19-205, and 20-310(b) $$ Annotated Code of Maryland $$(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)$ \end{array}$		
$7\\ 8\\ 9\\ 10\\ 11\\ 12$	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Health Occupations Section 1A–306(a), 2–308(a), 3–308(a), 3–5A–10(a), 5–308(a), 7–314(a), 9–311(a), 10–311(a), 11–308(a), 16–307(a), 17–504(a), and 20–310(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)		
$13 \\ 14 \\ 15 \\ 16 \\ 17$	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 5–702, 5–703, 5–706, 5–707, and 5–719 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)		
18 19 20 21 22	BY adding to Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 5–722 through 5–724 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)		
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:		
25	Article – Health Occupations		
26	1–220.		
27 28 29 30	(A) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD MAY DEVELOP A SECURE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE.		
31	(B) THE SYSTEM SHALL:		
$32 \\ 33 \\ 34$	(1) BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFICATION OF A CURRENT LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION; AND		

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$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$		(2) PROVIDE THE LICENSEE, PERMIT HOLDER, CERTIFICATE OR REGISTRANT THE OPTION OF PRINTING A VERIFICATION OF THE THEIR LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.
$4 \\ 5 \\ 6$		EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A BOARD THAT AND IMPLEMENTS A SYSTEM AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) CTION SHALL:
7		(1) DISCONTINUE TO SEND BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL:
8 9	CERTIFICA	(I) A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, TION, OR REGISTRATION; AND
10 11	REGISTRAT	(II) A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR TION;
12		(2) SEND BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:
13 14	CERTIFICA	(I) A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, TION, OR REGISTRATION; AND
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16 \end{array}$	REGISTRAT	(II) A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR FION; AND
17 18	LICENSE, P	(3) CONTINUE TO SEND BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL AN INITIAL PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.
19	1A–205.	
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	(a) adopt:	In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may
22		(1) Regulations to carry out the provisions of this title; and
23		(2) A code of ethics for licensees.
$\begin{array}{c} 24 \\ 25 \end{array}$	(b) keep:	In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall
$\frac{26}{27}$	and	(1) Records and minutes necessary for the orderly conduct of business;
28		(2) A list of each currently licensed acupuncturist.

1 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS TITLE, 2 THE BOARD SHALL INVESTIGATE ANY ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

3 **1A–207.**

4 A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED 5 UNDER § 5–724 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE 6 BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

7 1A–306.

8 (a) (1) The Board shall provide for the term and renewal of licenses under 9 this section.

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(2) The term of a license may not be more than 3 years.

11 (3) A license expires at the end of its term, unless the license is 12 renewed for a term as provided by the Board.

(b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the
 licensee, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC
 OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:

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- (1) The date on which the current license expires;

17 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the18 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

19 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

20 2–308.

(a) Except as provided for a limited license in §§ 2–310 through 2–310.3 of
this subtitle, a license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is
renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

(b) At least 2 months before the license expires, the Board shall contact the
 licensee BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR FIRST-CLASS MAIL at the last known
 ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address provided by the licensee and advise the licensee
 of:

28 (1) The date on which the current license expires;

(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

The amount of the renewal fee. 1 (3) $\mathbf{2}$ 3 - 308.3 (a) 4 $\mathbf{5}$ renewed for a term of longer than 2 years. (b)states: (1)(2)Board on or before the license expiration date: and The amount of the renewal fee. (3)3-5A-10.(a) (1)section. (2)than 2 years. (b)or registration holder, a renewal notice that states: (1)(2)expires; and The amount of the renewal fee. (3)294 - 309.30 (1)Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a license expires (a)

31 on the date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as 32provided in this section. A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

A license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be

6 At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall send to each licensee, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC 7 8 OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee, a renewal form and a renewal notice that 9

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The date on which the current license expires;

11 That the renewal application and fee must be received by the 12

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A license or registration expires on the date set by the Board. 1516 unless the license or registration is renewed for a 1-year term as provided in this 17

18 A license or registration may not be renewed for a term of longer 19

20At least 1 month before the license or registration expires, the Board shall send to the licensee or registration holder, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR 2122first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee 23

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The date on which the current license or registration expires;

25The date by which the renewal application must be received by the 26Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license or registration 27

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1 2	(2) Except as provided in § 4–303.1 of this subtitle, a limited license to practice dentistry expires on the first anniversary of its effective date.
$\frac{3}{4}$	(3) A teacher's license to practice dentistry or a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene expires on the earlier of:
$5 \\ 6$	(i) The date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section; or
7 8	(ii) The date when the licensee ceases to be a full-time or part-time faculty member at the institution named on the license.
9 10 11	(b) If a teacher's license to practice dentistry expires because the licensee no longer is a full-time or part-time faculty member at the institution named on the license, the licensee shall surrender the license to the Board secretary within 30 days.
$12 \\ 13 \\ 14 \\ 15$	(C) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE BOARD SHALL SEND TO THE LICENSEE, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE, A RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:
16	(1) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;
$17 \\ 18 \\ 19$	(2) THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND
18	RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED
18 19	RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND
18 19 20	RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.
18 19 20 21	RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE. 4–505.
 18 19 20 21 22 23 	RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE. 4-505. (a) The Board of Dental Examiners shall: (1) Define, for the purpose of this section, the terms "dental radiation
 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 	RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE. 4-505. (a) The Board of Dental Examiners shall: (1) Define, for the purpose of this section, the terms "dental radiation technologist" and "practice dental radiation technology"; (2) Adopt rules and regulations concerning qualifications, training, certification, monitoring of, and enforcement requirements for a dental radiation

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1	(1)	The American Dental Association; or
2	(2)	Any applicable federal standards for training and certification.
$egin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{array}$	dental radiation	er July 1, 1988, an individual must be certified by the Board as a technologist before a licensed dentist may employ the individual to adiation technology.
6 7	· · /	er July 1, 1988, an individual may not practice dental radiation as certified by the Board.
8 9 10 11	SHALL SEND ' FIRST-CLASS M	LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A CERTIFICATE EXPIRES, THE BOARD TO EACH CERTIFICATE HOLDER, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR IAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL ADDRESS ICATE HOLDER, A RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:
12	(1)	THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT CERTIFICATE EXPIRES;
$13 \\ 14 \\ 15$		THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED ERTIFICATE EXPIRES; AND
16	(3)	THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.
16 17	(3) 5–205.	THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.
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17 18	5–205. (a) In a may:	
17 18 19	5–205. (a) In a may:	addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board
17 18 19 20	5–205. (a) In may: (1) (2) (3)	addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;
 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 	5–205. (a) In may: (1) (2) (3) affidavits, and Board.	addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle; Sue to enforce any provision of this subtitle by injunction; and Issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, administer oaths, take
 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 	5–205. (a) In a may: (1) (2) (3) affidavits, and Board. (b) In	addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle; Sue to enforce any provision of this subtitle by injunction; and Issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, administer oaths, take take testimony about matters that relate to the jurisdiction of the

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$\frac{1}{2}$		mit an annual report of its transactions for the previous fiscal September 30 of each year; AND	
3	(4) INV	ESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.	
4	5-207.		
5 6 7	UNDER § 5-719 OF T	ALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED HE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE SE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.	
8	5–308.		
9 10		ess the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in xpires on the date set by the Board.	
11	(2) A lie	cense may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.	
12 13 14	licensee, by ELECTRON	month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the NIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:	
15	(1) The	date on which the current license expires;	
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$		date by which the Board must receive the renewal application sued and mailed before the license expires; and	
18	(3) The	amount of the renewal fee.	
19	7–314.		
20 21 22	unless the license is r	issued under this title expires on the date set by the Board, enewed for an additional term as provided in this section. A wed for a term longer than 2 years.	
$23 \\ 24 \\ 25$	licensee, by ELECTRON	month before a license expires, the Board shall send to the NIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:	
26	(1) The	date on which the current license expires;	
27 28		date by which the renewal application must be received by the o be issued and mailed before the license expires; and	
29	(3) The	amount of the renewal fee.	

1	9–311.		
$\frac{2}{3}$	(a) the license		ense expires on the second anniversary of its effective date, unless wed for a 2-year term as provided in this section.
$4 \\ 5 \\ 6$		ELEC	ast 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the TRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC dress of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:
7		(1)	The date on which the current license expires;
8 9	Board for th	(2) ne rene	The date by which the renewal application must be received by the ewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
10		(3)	The amount of the renewal fee.
11	10–205.		
$\frac{12}{13}$	(a) adopt:	In ad	ldition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may
14		(1)	Rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;
15		(2)	A code of ethics for licensees; and
16 17 18 19		l ther	In consultation with the State Board of Physical Therapy the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, regulations that recognize rapists and occupational therapy assistants who have acquired skills.
20 21	(b) [keep]:	In ad	ldition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall
22 23	conduct of h	(1) ousines	[Records] KEEP RECORDS and minutes necessary for the orderly as; [and]
24 25	and occupat	(2) tional t	[A] KEEP A list of each currently licensed occupational therapist cherapy assistant; AND
26		(3)	INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
27	10–311.		
$\frac{28}{29}$	(a) for an addit		ense expires on a date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed erm as provided in this section.

$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	(b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the licensee, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:		
4	(1)	The	late on which the current license expires;
$5 \\ 6$	(2) Board for the re		date by which the renewal application must be received by the be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
7	(3)	The a	amount of the renewal fee.
8	11–205.		
9 10	(a) In the following po		to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board has
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$	(1) affidavits for ar		member of the Board may administer oaths and take under the jurisdiction of the Board; and
13 14	(2) provisions of th		Board may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the
15	(b) In	addition	to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:
16	(1)	Keep	a current list showing all:
17		(i)	Licensed optometrists;
18		(ii)	Optometrists who are on inactive status;
19		(iii)	Diagnostically certified optometrists;
20		(iv)	Therapeutically certified optometrists; and
$\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ 22 \end{array}$	11–313 of this t	(v) itle;	Optometrists against whom action has been taken under §
23	(2)	Keep	a full record of its proceedings; [and]
24	(3)	Adop	t an official seal ; AND
25	(4)) INVE	ESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
26	11–308.		

1 (a) A license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is 2 renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be 3 renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

4 (b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall send to the
5 licensee, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC
6 OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:

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The date on which the current license expires;

8 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the 9 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

10 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

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11 13–206.

12 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may:

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(1) Adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;

14 (2) Adopt standards of practice and a code of ethics for the practice of 15 physical therapy and limited physical therapy; and

16 (3) Pay, in accordance with the State budget, any necessary expense 17 that relates to the referral of an alleged violation of the criminal provisions of this 18 title.

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

20 (1) Keep a list of the name and address of each licensed physical 21 therapist and licensed physical therapist assistant;

(2) Present evidence of any alleged violation of this title to the State's
Attorney of the county where the alleged violation occurred; [and]

24 (3) Adopt rules and regulations that govern the use of a physical25 therapy aide by a licensed physical therapist; AND

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(4) INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

27 16-307.

28 (a) Except as provided for a limited license in § 16–317 of this subtitle, a 29 license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an

additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be renewed for a termlonger than 2 years.

3 (b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall send to the 4 licensee, by **ELECTRONIC MEANS OR** first-class mail to the last known **ELECTRONIC** 5 **OR PHYSICAL** address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:

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- (1) The date on which the current license expires;

7 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
8 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

- 9 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.
- 10 **17–207.**

11 A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED 12 UNDER § 5–722 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE 13 BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

14 17–504.

(a) (1) A license or certificate expires on the date set by the Board, unless
the license or certificate is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

17 (2) A license or certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 218 years.

19 (b) At least 1 month before the license or certificate expires, the Board shall 20 send to the licensee or certificate holder, by **ELECTRONIC MEANS OR** first-class mail 21 to the last known **ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL** address of the licensee or certificate 22 holder, a renewal notice that states:

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(1) The date on which the current license or certificate expires;

(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license or certificate expires;
and

- 27 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.
- 28 19–205.

In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board has the following powers and duties:

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$\frac{1}{2}$	(1) title;	To adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this
3	(2)	To adopt a code of ethics;
4	(3)	To adopt an official seal;
$5\\6$	(4) orderly conduct o	To hold hearings and keep records and minutes necessary for the f business; [and]
7 8 9		To issue a list annually of all currently licensed social workers and rs disciplined by the Board in the past year in accordance with § State Government Article; AND
10	(6)	TO INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
11	20-208.	
$12\\13\\14$	UNDER § 5–722	N SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE ERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.
15	20–310.	
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$	(a) (1) certificate is rene	A certificate expires on a date set by the Board, unless the wed for an additional term as provided in this section.
18	(2)	A certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.
19 20 21 22 23	certified program practitioner, by ELECTRONIC O	east 1 month before the certificate expires, the Board shall send to the m administrator or certified residential child and youth care ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known R PHYSICAL address of the certified program administrator or ial child and youth care practitioner, a renewal notice that states:
24	(1)	The date on which the current certificate expires;
$\frac{25}{26}$	(2) Board for the ren	The date by which the renewal application must be received by the ewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and
27	(3)	The amount of the renewal fee.
28		Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
29	5-702.	

1 (a) In this section, "Board" means the State Board of Environmental 2 [Sanitarian Registration] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS**.

3 (b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of 4 the Board is not civilly liable for giving information to the Board or otherwise 5 participating in its activities.

6 5-703.

(a) In this section, "Board" means the State Board of Examiners for
Audiologists, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

10 (b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of 11 the Board is not civilly liable for giving information to the Board or otherwise 12 participating in its activities.

13 5-706.

14 (a) In this section, ["Board"] "COMMITTEE" means the [State Board of 15 Electrologists] ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE.

16 (b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of 17 the [Board] **COMMITTEE** is not civilly liable for giving information to the [Board] 18 **COMMITTEE** or otherwise participating in its activities.

19 5-707.

20 (a) In this section, "Board" means the Maryland State Board of Morticians
 21 AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

(b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of
 the Board is not civilly liable for giving information to the Board or otherwise
 participating in its activities.

 $25 \quad 5-719.$

26 (a) In this section, "Board" means the State Board of [Examiners for 27 Speech–Language Pathologists] **DIETETIC PRACTICE**.

(b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of
the Board is not civilly liable for giving information to the Board or otherwise
participating in its activities.

31 **5–722.**

1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF 2 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS.

3 (B) A PERSON WHO ACTS IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF 4 THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR GIVING 5 INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS 6 ACTIVITIES.

7 **5–723.**

8 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD FOR 9 CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS.

10 (B) A PERSON WHO ACTS IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF 11 THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR GIVING 12 INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS 13 ACTIVITIES.

14 **5–724.**

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF 16 ACUPUNCTURE.

17 (B) A PERSON WHO ACTS IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF 18 THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR GIVING 19 INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 21 June 1, 2013.