

SENATE BILL 512

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care Practitioners – Identification Badge**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a health care practitioner, when providing health care to
4 a patient, to wear a badge or other form of identification displaying certain
5 information; providing for a certain exception; requiring each health occupation
6 board to adopt certain regulations, including provisions for taking certain
7 disciplinary action; authorizing the regulations to provide certain exemptions or
8 allow use of a certain name; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
9 display of identification by health care practitioners.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health Occupations

12 Section 1–220

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 **1–220.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” MEANS A PERSON**
20 **WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS**
21 **ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF**
22 **BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN**
2 **PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TO A PATIENT, A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL**
3 **WEAR A BADGE OR OTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION DISPLAYING IN READILY**
4 **VISIBLE TYPE:**

5 **(1) THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER’S NAME; AND**

6 **(2) THE TITLE OR ROLE OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.**

7 **(C) A BADGE OR OTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO**
8 **BE WORN IF:**

9 **(1) THE PATIENT IS BEING SEEN IN THE OFFICE OF A HEALTH**
10 **CARE PRACTITIONER WHO IS A SOLO PRACTITIONER; AND**

11 **(2) THE NAME AND LICENSE OF THE HEALTH CARE**
12 **PRACTITIONER CAN BE READILY DETERMINED BY THE PATIENT FROM A POSTED**
13 **LICENSE OR SIGN IN THE OFFICE.**

14 **(D) (1) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD SHALL ADOPT**
15 **REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

16 **(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR TAKING**
17 **DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO VIOLATES**
18 **THIS SECTION.**

19 **(3) (I) THE REGULATIONS, WHEN NECESSARY FOR THE**
20 **HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER’S SAFETY OR FOR THERAPEUTIC CONCERNS MAY:**

21 **1. PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM WEARING A BADGE**
22 **OR OTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION; OR**

23 **2. ALLOW USE OF THE HEALTH CARE**
24 **PRACTITIONER’S FIRST NAME ONLY.**

25 **(II) THE REGULATIONS SHALL SPECIFY THE RATIONALE**
26 **FOR AND SITUATIONS IN WHICH AN EXEMPTION OR USE OF THE FIRST NAME**
27 **ONLY IS PERMISSIBLE.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2013.