

SENATE BILL 593

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senator Montgomery**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain health occupations boards within the
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, ~~subject to a certain~~
10 ~~exception~~; requiring certain boards to send by electronic means certain renewal
11 notices and a renewed license, permit, certification, or registration; requiring
12 certain boards to continue to send by first-class mail ~~an initial license, permit,~~
13 ~~certification, or registration~~ *certain renewal notices, licenses, permits,*
14 *certifications, or registrations under certain circumstances*; requiring certain

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 health occupations boards to investigate certain violations of law; providing
2 immunity from liability for certain persons who provide certain information to
3 certain health occupations boards or participate in certain activities;
4 authorizing certain health occupations boards to send a certain notice by
5 electronic means or first-class mail; providing that certain individuals who act
6 in good faith and within the scope of jurisdiction of certain boards are not civilly
7 liable for providing certain information or for participating in certain activities;
8 defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making certain conforming
9 and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the health occupations boards
10 and license renewal, investigation of alleged violations, and immunity from
11 liability.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 1–220, 1A–207, 5–207, 17–207, and 20–208
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Health Occupations
19 Section 1A–205, 1A–306(b), 2–308(b), 3–308(b), 3–5A–10(b), 4–309, 4–505,
20 5–205, 5–308(b), 7–314(b), 9–311(b), 10–205, 10–311(b), 11–205,
21 11–308(b), 13–206, 16–307(b), 17–504(b), 19–205, and 20–310(b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
25 Article – Health Occupations
26 Section 1A–306(a), 2–308(a), 3–308(a), 3–5A–10(a), 5–308(a), 7–314(a),
27 9–311(a), 10–311(a), 11–308(a), 16–307(a), 17–504(a), and 20–310(a)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

30 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
31 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
32 Section 5–702, 5–703, 5–706, 5–707, and 5–719
33 Annotated Code of Maryland
34 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

35 BY adding to
36 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
37 Section 5–722 through 5–724
38 Annotated Code of Maryland
39 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

1 Article – Health Occupations

2 1-220.

3 (A) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD MAY DEVELOP A SECURE
4 ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT,
5 CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS
6 TITLE.

7 (B) THE SYSTEM SHALL:

8 (1) BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF
9 VERIFICATION OF A CURRENT LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR
10 REGISTRATION; AND

11 (2) PROVIDE THE LICENSEE, PERMIT HOLDER, CERTIFICATE
12 HOLDER, OR REGISTRANT THE OPTION OF PRINTING A VERIFICATION OF THE
13 STATUS OF THEIR LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.

14 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A BOARD THAT
15 DEVELOPS AND IMPLEMENTS A SYSTEM AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)
16 OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

17 (1) ~~DISCONTINUE EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II)~~
18 ~~OF THIS SUBSECTION, DISCONTINUE~~ DISCONTINUE TO SEND BY FIRST-CLASS
19 MAIL:

20 (I) A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT,
21 CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION; AND

22 (II) A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR
23 REGISTRATION;

24 (2) SEND BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:

25 (I) A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT,
26 CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION; AND

27 (II) A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR
28 REGISTRATION; AND

29 (3) CONTINUE TO SEND BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL_½

1 ~~(H) AN AN AN~~ INITIAL LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION,
2 OR REGISTRATION;~~AND~~

3 ~~(H) A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT,~~
4 ~~CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IF THE LICENSEE, PERMIT HOLDER,~~
5 ~~CERTIFICATED INDIVIDUAL, OR REGISTRANT REQUESTS FIRST-CLASS MAIL.~~

6 **(D) IF A BOARD CHOOSES TO SEND RENEWAL NOTICES OR RENEWED**
7 **LICENSES, PERMITS, CERTIFICATIONS, OR REGISTRATIONS EXCLUSIVELY BY**
8 **ELECTRONIC MAIL UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD**
9 **SHALL, ON REQUEST OF THE LICENSEE, PERMIT HOLDER, CERTIFICATE HOLDER,**
10 **OR REGISTRANT, SEND BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL:**

11 **(1) THE RENEWAL NOTICE; OR**

12 **(2) THE RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR**
13 **REGISTRATION.**

14 1A-205.

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

17 (1) Regulations to carry out the provisions of this title; and

18 (2) A code of ethics for licensees.

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

21 (1) Records and minutes necessary for the orderly conduct of business;
22 and

23 (2) A list of each currently licensed acupuncturist.

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

26 1A-207.

27 **A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED**
28 **UNDER § 5-724 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE**
29 **BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.**

30 1A-306.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

13 2–308.

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

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

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

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

24 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

25 3–308.

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

29 (b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall send to each
30 licensee, by **ELECTRONIC MEANS OR** first-class mail to the last known **ELECTRONIC**

1 **OR PHYSICAL** address of the licensee, a renewal form and a renewal notice that
2 states:

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

4 (2) That the renewal application and fee must be received by the
5 Board on or before the license expiration date; and

6 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

7 3-5A-10.

8 (a) (1) A license or registration expires on the date set by the Board,
9 unless the license or registration is renewed for a 1-year term as provided in this
10 section.

11 (2) A license or registration may not be renewed for a term of longer
12 than 2 years.

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

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

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

21 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

22 4-309.

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

26 (2) Except as provided in § 4-303.1 of this subtitle, a limited license to
27 practice dentistry expires on the first anniversary of its effective date.

28 (3) A teacher's license to practice dentistry or a teacher's license to
29 practice dental hygiene expires on the earlier of:

30 (i) The date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for
31 an additional term as provided in this section; or

1 (ii) The date when the licensee ceases to be a full-time or
2 part-time faculty member at the institution named on the license.

3 (b) If a teacher's license to practice dentistry expires because the licensee no
4 longer is a full-time or part-time faculty member at the institution named on the
5 license, the licensee shall surrender the license to the Board secretary within 30 days.

6 **(C) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE BOARD SHALL**
7 **SEND TO THE LICENSEE, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE**
8 **LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE, A**
9 **RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:**

10 **(1) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;**

11 **(2) THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE**
12 **RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED**
13 **BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND**

14 **(3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.**

15 4-505.

16 (a) The Board of Dental Examiners shall:

17 (1) Define, for the purpose of this section, the terms "dental radiation
18 technologist" and "practice dental radiation technology";

19 (2) Adopt rules and regulations concerning qualifications, training,
20 certification, monitoring of, and enforcement requirements for a dental radiation
21 technologist; and

22 (3) Provide for a requirement to ensure competency in new safety and
23 technological advances.

24 (b) The qualifications required of applicants for Board certification as a
25 dental radiation technologist shall include requirements established by:

26 (1) The American Dental Association; or

27 (2) Any applicable federal standards for training and certification.

28 (c) After July 1, 1988, an individual must be certified by the Board as a
29 dental radiation technologist before a licensed dentist may employ the individual to
30 practice dental radiation technology.

1 (d) After July 1, 1988, an individual may not practice dental radiation
2 technology unless certified by the Board.

3 (E) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A CERTIFICATE EXPIRES, THE BOARD
4 SHALL SEND TO EACH CERTIFICATE HOLDER, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR
5 FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL ADDRESS
6 OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER, A RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:

7 (1) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT CERTIFICATE EXPIRES;

8 (2) THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE
9 RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED
10 BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE EXPIRES; AND

11 (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.

12 5-205.

13 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board
14 may:

15 (1) Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;

16 (2) Sue to enforce any provision of this subtitle by injunction; and

17 (3) Issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, administer oaths, take
18 affidavits, and take testimony about matters that relate to the jurisdiction of the
19 Board.

20 (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board
21 shall:

22 (1) Keep a list of all dietitian-nutritionists who are currently licensed;

23 (2) Keep a record of its proceedings; [and]

24 (3) Submit an annual report of its transactions for the previous fiscal
25 year to the Governor by September 30 of each year; AND

26 (4) INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

27 5-207.

1 **A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED**
2 **UNDER § 5-719 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE**
3 **BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.**

4 5-308.

5 (a) (1) Unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in
6 this section, a license expires on the date set by the Board.

7 (2) A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

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

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

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

14 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

15 7-314.

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

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

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

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

25 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

26 9-311.

27 (a) A license expires on the second anniversary of its effective date, unless
28 the license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section.

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

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

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

7 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

8 10-205.

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

11 (1) Rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;

12 (2) A code of ethics for licensees; and

13 (3) In consultation with the State Board of Physical Therapy
14 Examiners and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, regulations that recognize
15 occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who have acquired
16 advanced practice skills.

17 (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall
18 **[keep]:**

19 (1) **[Records] KEEP RECORDS** and minutes necessary for the orderly
20 conduct of business; **[and]**

21 (2) **[A] KEEP A** list of each currently licensed occupational therapist
22 and occupational therapy assistant; **AND**

23 **(3) INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.**

24 10-311.

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

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

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

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

3 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

4 11-205.

5 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board has
6 the following powers:

7 (1) Each member of the Board may administer oaths and take
8 affidavits for any matter under the jurisdiction of the Board; and

9 (2) The Board may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the
10 provisions of this title.

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

12 (1) Keep a current list showing all:

13 (i) Licensed optometrists;

14 (ii) Optometrists who are on inactive status;

15 (iii) Diagnostically certified optometrists;

16 (iv) Therapeutically certified optometrists; and

17 (v) Optometrists against whom action has been taken under §
18 11-313 of this title;

19 (2) Keep a full record of its proceedings; [and]

20 (3) Adopt an official seal; **AND**

21 (4) **INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.**

22 11-308.

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

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

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

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

7 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

8 13–206.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **(4) INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.**

24 16–307.

25 (a) Except as provided for a limited license in § 16–317 of this subtitle, a
26 license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an
27 additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be renewed for a term
28 longer than 2 years.

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

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

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

7 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

8 **17-207.**

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

12 **17-504.**

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

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

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

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

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

25 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

26 **19-205.**

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

29 (1) To adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this
30 title;

1 (2) To adopt a code of ethics;

2 (3) To adopt an official seal;

3 (4) To hold hearings and keep records and minutes necessary for the
4 orderly conduct of business; [and]

5 (5) To issue a list annually of all currently licensed social workers and
6 all social workers disciplined by the Board in the past year in accordance with §
7 10-617(h) of the State Government Article; AND

8 (6) TO INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.

9 **20-208.**

10 A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED
11 UNDER § ~~5-722~~ 5-723 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO
12 THE BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

13 20-310.

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

16 (2) A certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

17 (b) At least 1 month before the certificate expires, the Board shall send to the
18 certified program administrator or certified residential child and youth care
19 practitioner, by **ELECTRONIC MEANS OR** first-class mail to the last known
20 **ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL** address of the certified program administrator or
21 certified residential child and youth care practitioner, a renewal notice that states:

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

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

25 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

26 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

27 5-702.

28 (a) In this section, “Board” means the State Board of Environmental
29 [Sanitarian Registration] **HEALTH SPECIALISTS.**

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

4 5-703.

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

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

11 5-706.

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

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

17 5-707.

18 (a) In this section, "Board" means the Maryland State Board of Morticians
19 **AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS**.

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

23 5-719.

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

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

29 5-722.

30 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF**
31 **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS.**

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

5 **5-723.**

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

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

12 **5-724.**

13 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF**
 14 **ACUPUNCTURE.**

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.