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CHAPTER _____

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, 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, 13certification, or registration; requiring certain health occupations boards to 14 investigate certain violations of law; providing immunity from liability for 15certain persons who provide certain information to certain health occupations 16 boards or participate in certain activities; authorizing certain health 17occupations boards to send a certain notice by electronic means or first-class 18 mail; providing that certain individuals who act in good faith and within the 19scope of jurisdiction of certain boards are not civilly liable for providing certain 20information or for participating in certain activities; defining certain terms; 21altering certain definitions; making certain conforming and stylistic changes; 22and generally relating to the health occupations boards and license renewal, 23investigation of alleged violations, and immunity from liability.

24 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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



$rac{1}{2}$	Article – Health Occupations Section 1–220, 1A–207, 5–207, 17–207, and 20–208					
3	Annotated Code of Maryland					
4	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)					
5	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,					
6	Article – Health Occupations					
7	Section 1A-205, 1A-306(b), 2-308(b), 3-308(b), 3-5A-10(b), 4-309, 4-505,					
8 9	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)					
10	Annotated Code of Maryland					
11	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)					
12	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,					
13	Article – Health Occupations $S_{1} = 14, 200(c), 2, 200(c), 2, 54, 10(c), 5, 200(c), 7, 214(c)$					
$\begin{array}{c} 14 \\ 15 \end{array}$	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)					
15 16	9-511(a), 10-511(a), 11-508(a), 10-507(a), 17-504(a), and 20-510(a) Annotated Code of Maryland					
10 17	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)					
18	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,					
19	Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings					
20	Section 5–702, 5–703, 5–706, 5–707, and 5–719					
21	Annotated Code of Maryland					
22	(2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)					
23	BY adding to					
24	Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings					
25	Section 5–722 through 5–724					
26	Annotated Code of Maryland					
27	(2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)					
28	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF					
29	MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
30	Article – Health Occupations					
31	1-220.					
32	(A) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD MAY DEVELOP A SECURE					
32 33	ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT,					
зэ 34	CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS					
35	TITLE.					
36	(B) THE SYSTEM SHALL:					

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BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF 1 (1) $\mathbf{2}$ VERIFICATION OF A CURRENT LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR 3 **REGISTRATION; AND** 4 (2) **PROVIDE THE LICENSEE, PERMIT HOLDER, CERTIFICATE** HOLDER, OR REGISTRANT THE OPTION OF PRINTING A VERIFICATION OF THE $\mathbf{5}$ 6 STATUS OF THEIR LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION. 7 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A BOARD THAT 8 DEVELOPS AND IMPLEMENTS A SYSTEM AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) 9 **OF THIS SECTION SHALL: DISCONTINUE** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) 10 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, DISCONTINUE TO SEND BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL: 11 12**(I)** A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, **CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION; AND** 1314**(II)** A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR 15**REGISTRATION:** 16 (2) **SEND BY ELECTRONIC MEANS:** 17**(I)** A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, 18**CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION; AND** 19 A RENEWED LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR **(II)** 20**REGISTRATION; AND** 21**CONTINUE TO SEND BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL:** (3) 22**(I)** AN AN INITIAL LICENSE, PERMIT, CERTIFICATION, OR 23**REGISTRATION; AND** 24**(II)** A RENEWAL NOTICE FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, 25CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IF THE LICENSEE, PERMIT HOLDER, 26CERTIFICATED INDIVIDUAL, OR REGISTRANT REQUESTS FIRST-CLASS MAIL. 271A-205. 28In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may (a) 29adopt: 30 Regulations to carry out the provisions of this title; and (1)

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1		(2) A code of ethics for licensees.			
$2 \\ 3$	(b) keep:	In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall			
4 5	and	(1) Records and minutes necessary for the orderly conduct of business;			
6		(2) A list of each currently licensed acupuncturist.			
7 8	(C) THE BOAR	IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS TITLE, D SHALL INVESTIGATE ANY ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.			
9	1A-207.				
$10 \\ 11 \\ 12$	UNDER § 5	ERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED 5-724 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.			
13	1A–306.				
$\begin{array}{c} 14 \\ 15 \end{array}$	(a) this section.	(1) The Board shall provide for the term and renewal of licenses under			
16		(2) The term of a license may not be more than 3 years.			
$\begin{array}{c} 17\\18\end{array}$	renewed for	(3) A license expires at the end of its term, unless the license is a term as provided by the Board.			
19 20 21	•	At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first–class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC AL address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:			
22		(1) The date on which the current license expires;			
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	Board for th	(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the ne renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and			
25		(3) The amount of the renewal fee.			
26	2–308.				
27 28 29		Except as provided for a limited license in §§ 2–310 through 2–310.3 of e, a license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is an additional term as provided in this section.			

1 (b) At least 2 months before the license expires, the Board shall contact the $\mathbf{2}$ licensee BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR FIRST-CLASS MAIL at the last known 3 ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address provided by the licensee and advise the licensee 4 of: The date on which the current license expires; $\mathbf{5}$ (1)6 (2)The date by which the renewal application must be received by the 7 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and 8 The amount of the renewal fee. (3)9 3 - 308.10 (a) A license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is 11 renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be 12renewed for a term of longer than 2 years. 13(b) 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 14OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee, a renewal form and a renewal notice that 1516 states: 17(1)The date on which the current license expires; 18 (2)That the renewal application and fee must be received by the Board on or before the license expiration date; and 1920The amount of the renewal fee. (3)3-5A-10.2122(a) (1)A license or registration expires on the date set by the Board, 23unless the license or registration is renewed for a 1-year term as provided in this 24section. 25(2)A license or registration may not be renewed for a term of longer 26than 2 years. 27(b) At least 1 month before the license or registration expires, the Board 28shall send to the licensee or registration holder, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR 29first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee 30 or registration holder, a renewal notice that states: 31(1)The date on which the current license or registration expires;

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$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	(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 registration expires; and
4	(3) The amount of the renewal fee.
5	4–309.
6 7 8	(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 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 renewed for a term longer than 2 years.
9 10	(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.
$\frac{11}{12}$	(3) A teacher's license to practice dentistry or a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene expires on the earlier of:
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\ 14 \end{array}$	(i) The date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section; or
$15\\16$	(ii) The date when the licensee ceases to be a full-time or part-time faculty member at the institution named on the license.
17 18 19	(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.
$20 \\ 21 \\ 22 \\ 23$	(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:
24	(1) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;
25 26 27	(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
28	(3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.
29	4–505.
30	(a) The Board of Dental Examiners shall:

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$\frac{1}{2}$	technologis	(1) t" and	Define, for the purpose of this section, the terms "dental radiation "practice dental radiation technology";
$3 \\ 4 \\ 5$	certificatior technologis	-	Adopt rules and regulations concerning qualifications, training, itoring of, and enforcement requirements for a dental radiation
$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 7 \end{array}$	technologic	(3) al adva	Provide for a requirement to ensure competency in new safety and ances.
$\frac{8}{9}$	(b) dental radia		qualifications required of applicants for Board certification as a echnologist shall include requirements established by:
10		(1)	The American Dental Association; or
11		(2)	Any applicable federal standards for training and certification.
$12 \\ 13 \\ 14$		ation t	July 1, 1988, an individual must be certified by the Board as a technologist before a licensed dentist may employ the individual to diation technology.
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16 \end{array}$	(d) technology		July 1, 1988, an individual may not practice dental radiation certified by the Board.
17 18 19 20	FIRST-CLA	ND TO SS MA	LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A CERTIFICATE EXPIRES, THE BOARD D EACH CERTIFICATE HOLDER, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR ALL TO THE LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL ADDRESS CATE HOLDER, A RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:
21		(1)	THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT CERTIFICATE EXPIRES;
22 23 24			THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE HE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED RTIFICATE EXPIRES; AND
25		(3)	THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.
26	5-205.		
27 28	(a) may:	In ad	ddition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board
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		(1)	Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;

$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	(3) Issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, administer oaths, take affidavits, and take testimony about matters that relate to the jurisdiction of the Board.
4 5	(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board shall:
6	(1) Keep a list of all dietitian–nutritionists who are currently licensed;
7	(2) Keep a record of its proceedings; [and]
8 9	(3) Submit an annual report of its transactions for the previous fiscal year to the Governor by September 30 of each year; AND
10	(4) INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
11	5-207.
$12 \\ 13 \\ 14$	A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 5–719 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.
15	5–308.
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$	(a) (1) Unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section, a license expires on the date set by the Board.
18	(2) A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.
19 20 21	(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:
22	(1) The date on which the current license expires;
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	(2) The date by which the Board must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
25	(3) The amount of the renewal fee.
26	7-314.
	7-014.

unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. Alicense may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$		At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall send to the ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC AL address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:
4		(1) The date on which the current license expires;
$5 \\ 6$	Board for th	(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the ne renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
7		(3) The amount of the renewal fee.
8	9–311.	
9 10	(a) the license	A license expires on the second anniversary of its effective date, unless is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section.
11 12 13		At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC AL address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:
14		(1) The date on which the current license expires;
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16 \end{array}$	Board for th	(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the ne renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
17		(3) The amount of the renewal fee.
18	10–205.	
19 20	(a) adopt:	In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may
21		(1) Rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;
22		(2) A code of ethics for licensees; and
23 24 25 26	occupationa	(3) In consultation with the State Board of Physical Therapy and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, regulations that recognize I therapists and occupational therapy assistants who have acquired ractice skills.
$\begin{array}{c} 27\\ 28 \end{array}$	(b) [keep]:	In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall
29		(1) [Records] KEEP RECORDS and minutes necessary for the orderly

30 conduct of business; [and]

$\frac{1}{2}$	and occupat	(2) tional t		XEEP A list of each currently licensed occupational therapist <i>v</i> assistant; AND
3		(3)	INVE	STIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
4	10–311.			
$5 \\ 6$	(a) for an addit			pires on a date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed provided in this section.
7 8 9	•	ELEC	ΓRONI	nonth before the license expires, the Board shall send to the C MEANS OR first–class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC if the licensee, a renewal notice that states:
10		(1)	The d	ate on which the current license expires;
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$	Board for th	(2) ie rene		late by which the renewal application must be received by the be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
13		(3)	The a	mount of the renewal fee.
14	11–205.			
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\end{array}$	(a) the followin			to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board has
17 18	affidavits fo	(1) r any r		member of the Board may administer oaths and take under the jurisdiction of the Board; and
$\begin{array}{c} 19\\ 20 \end{array}$	provisions o	(2) f this t		Board may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the
21	(b)	In ad	dition	to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:
22		(1)	Keep	a current list showing all:
23			(i)	Licensed optometrists;
24			(ii)	Optometrists who are on inactive status;
25			(iii)	Diagnostically certified optometrists;
26			(iv)	Therapeutically certified optometrists; and
27 28	11–313 of th	nis title	(v) e;	Optometrists against whom action has been taken under §

1		(2)	Keep a full record of its proceedings; [and]
2		(3)	Adopt an official seal; AND
3		(4)	INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
4	11–308.		
5 6 7		r an a	ense expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be n longer than 2 years.
8 9 10		ELEC	east 1 month before a 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:
11		(1)	The date on which the current license expires;
$\begin{array}{c} 12 \\ 13 \end{array}$	Board for th	(2) ie rene	The date by which the renewal application must be received by the ewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
14		(3)	The amount of the renewal fee.
15	13–206.		
16	(a)	In ad	dition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may:
17		(1)	Adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;
$\frac{18}{19}$	physical the	(2) erapy a	Adopt standards of practice and a code of ethics for the practice of and limited physical therapy; and
20 21 22	that relates title.	(3) s to th	Pay, in accordance with the State budget, any necessary expense e referral of an alleged violation of the criminal provisions of this
23	(b)	In ad	dition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:
$\begin{array}{c} 24 \\ 25 \end{array}$	therapist ar	(1) nd licer	Keep a list of the name and address of each licensed physical nsed physical therapist assistant;
$\frac{26}{27}$	Attorney of	(2) the co	Present evidence of any alleged violation of this title to the State's unty where the alleged violation occurred; [and]

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$\frac{1}{2}$	(3) Adopt rules and regulations that govern the use of a physical therapy aide by a licensed physical therapist; AND
3	(4) INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE.
4	16–307.
5 6 7 8	(a) Except as provided for a limited license in § 16–317 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. A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.
9 10 11	(b) 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:
12	(1) The date on which the current license expires;
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14 \end{array}$	(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
15	(3) The amount of the renewal fee.
16	17-207.
17 18 19	A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 5–722 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.
20	17-504.
$\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ 22 \end{array}$	(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.
$\begin{array}{c} 23\\ 24 \end{array}$	(2) A license or certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.
25 26 27 28	(b) At least 1 month before the license or certificate expires, the Board shall send to the licensee or certificate holder, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address of the licensee or certificate holder, a renewal notice that states:
29	(1) The date on which the current license or certificate expires;

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

1 (2)The date by which the renewal application must be received by the $\mathbf{2}$ Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license or certificate expires; 3 and The amount of the renewal fee. 4 (3) $\mathbf{5}$ 19 - 205.6 In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board 7 has the following powers and duties: 8 (1)To adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this 9 title; 10 (2)To adopt a code of ethics; 11 To adopt an official seal; (3)12To hold hearings and keep records and minutes necessary for the (4) orderly conduct of business; [and] 13To issue a list annually of all currently licensed social workers and 14 (5)all social workers disciplined by the Board in the past year in accordance with § 1510-617(h) of the State Government Article; AND 16 TO INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE. 17(6) 20 - 208.1819 A PERSON SHALL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM THE LIABILITY DESCRIBED 20UNDER § 5–722 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE 21**BOARD OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ITS ACTIVITIES.** 2220 - 310.23A certificate expires on a date set by the Board, unless the (a) (1)certificate is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. 2425(2)A certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years. 26(b) At least 1 month before the certificate expires, the Board shall send to the 27certified program administrator or certified residential child and youth care practitioner, by ELECTRONIC MEANS OR first-class mail to the last known 28ELECTRONIC OR PHYSICAL address of the certified program administrator or 2930 certified residential child and youth care practitioner, a renewal notice that states:

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1	(1) The date on which the current certificate expires;
$2 \\ 3$	(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and
4	(3) The amount of the renewal fee.
5	Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
6	5-702.
7 8	(a) In this section, "Board" means the State Board of Environmental [Sanitarian Registration] HEALTH SPECIALISTS .
9 10 11	(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.
12	5-703.
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14\\15\end{array}$	(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.
$16 \\ 17 \\ 18$	(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.
19	5-706.
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	(a) In this section, ["Board"] "COMMITTEE" means the [State Board of Electrologists] ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE.
$22 \\ 23 \\ 24$	(b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of the [Board] COMMITTEE is not civilly liable for giving information to the [Board] COMMITTEE or otherwise participating in its activities.
25	5-707.
$\frac{26}{27}$	(a) In this section, "Board" means the Maryland State Board of Morticians AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS.
28 29 30	(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.

1 5–719.

2 (a) In this section, "Board" means the State Board of [Examiners for 3 Speech–Language Pathologists] **DIETETIC PRACTICE**.

4 (b) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of the jurisdiction of 5 the Board is not civilly liable for giving information to the Board or otherwise 6 participating in its activities.

7 **5–722.**

8 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF 9 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS.

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 **5–723.**

15(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD FOR16CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS.

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 ITS 20 ACTIVITIES.

21 **5–724.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF 23 ACUPUNCTURE.

(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 ACTIVITIES.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect28 June 1, 2013.