

Chapter 218

(Senate Bill 254)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – License Renewal

FOR the purpose of altering the time period before a license expires by which the Board of Examiners of Psychologists is required to send a renewal notice to a licensee; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to send a renewal notice by electronic means to a certain electronic mail address of a licensee; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to send a renewal notice to a licensee by first-class mail to a certain address of the licensee; requiring each licensee to notify the Board in writing of any change in address or electronic mail address within a certain number of days after the change occurs; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to license renewal by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 18–309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

18–309.

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

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

(b) (1) At least [1 month] **90 DAYS** before the license expires, the Board shall send **A RENEWAL NOTICE** to the licensee[, by]:

(i) [first-class] **BY FIRST-CLASS** mail to the last known address of the licensee[, a renewal notice that states:]; **OR**

(II) IF REQUESTED BY THE LICENSEE, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS TO THE LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE.

(2) IF A RENEWAL NOTICE SENT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS RETURNED TO THE BOARD AS UNDELIVERABLE, THE BOARD SHALL SEND A RENEWAL NOTICE TO THE LICENSEE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE.

(C) THE RENEWAL NOTICE SENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL STATE:

- (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
- (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

(D) EACH LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE IN THE LICENSEE'S ADDRESS OR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE OCCURS.

[(c)] (E) Before the license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

- (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and
- (3) Submits to the Board:
 - (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and
 - (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing education requirements set under this section for license renewal.

[(d)] (F) (1) The Board may establish continuing education requirements as a condition to the renewal of licenses under this section.

- (2) The requirements established under this subsection shall be:
 - (i) Set by the Board as to the amount and type of study required; and

(ii) Standard for all licensed psychologists.

[(e)] (G) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.