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### A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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### Health Occupations – Maryland Behavior Analysts Act

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the 4 State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to  $\mathbf{5}$ adopt certain regulations and a certain code of ethics; requiring the Board to set 6 certain fees for services provided by the Board to behavior analysts; requiring 7the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to 8 distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain 9 costs; providing for the composition, appointment, and terms of the Committee members; establishing certain powers and duties of the Committee; requiring 10certain persons to be licensed by the Board as behavior analysts before 11 12performing certain work in the State except under certain circumstances; 13 establishing certain education and experience requirements to qualify for a license; establishing certain application fees and requirements for obtaining a 1415license; establishing certain terms and procedures for the renewal and reinstatement of a license; requiring the Board to issue a license to certain 16 17applicants; specifying the contents of a license; prohibiting the Board from issuing a license if certain information has not been received; requiring the 1819Board to maintain a certain roster; requiring the Board to place a licensee on 20inactive status under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from 21surrendering a license under certain circumstances; requiring a licensee to 22notify the Board of a change of name or address in a certain manner and within 23a certain time period; authorizing the Board to deny a license to an applicant, 24reprimand a licensee, place a licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a 25license under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for 26reinstatement of a revoked license; providing for certain criminal, civil, and 27administrative penalties; establishing certain hearing and appeal procedures for 28behavior analysts; authorizing the Board to issue a cease and desist order under 29certain circumstances; authorizing a certain action to be maintained to enjoin 30 the unauthorized practice of behavior analysis or certain conduct; providing for 31a certain behavior analyst rehabilitation committee; specifying the functions of



1 the behavior analyst rehabilitation committee; providing that the proceedings,  $\mathbf{2}$ records, and files of the behavior analyst rehabilitation committee are not 3 discoverable or admissible in evidence in certain actions under certain 4 circumstances; providing that a certain person is not civilly liable for certain  $\mathbf{5}$ action as a member of a behavior analyst rehabilitation committee; prohibiting 6 a person from practicing, attempting to practice, or offering to practice behavior 7analysis in the State unless licensed by the Board except under certain 8 circumstances; prohibiting a person from representing to the public that the 9 person is a licensed behavior analyst or using certain titles, abbreviations, 10 signs, cards, or other representations except under certain circumstances; 11 requiring the Board to pay certain penalties into the State Board of Professional 12Counselors and Therapists Fund; establishing a certain short title; providing that the Committee is subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program 13 Evaluation Act; requiring that an evaluation of the Committee and statutes and 1415regulations that relate to the Committee be performed on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; specifying the terms of the initial members of the 16 17Board; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and 18 generally relating to the licensing and regulation of behavior analysts and the 19 Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee.

- 20 BY renumbering
- 21 Article State Government
- 22 Section 8–403(b)(8) through (56), respectively
- to be Section 8–403(b)(9) through (57), respectively
- 24 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 25 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
- 26 BY adding to
- 27 Article Health Occupations
- Section 17–6A–01 through 17–6A–33 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A.
   Behavior Analysts"
- 30 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 31 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
- 32 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 33 Article State Government
- 34 Section 8–403(a)
- 35 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 36 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)
- 37 BY adding to
- 38 Article State Government
- 39 Section 8–403(b)(8)
- 40 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 41 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       2 \\       3 \\       4     \end{array} $	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8–403(b)(8) through (56), respectively, of Article – State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8–403(b)(9) through (57), respectively.			
$5 \\ 6$	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
7	Article – Health Occupations			
8	SUBTITLE 6A. BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.			
9	17-6A-01.			
10 11	(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.			
$\frac{12}{13}$	(B) "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 17–6A–05 OF THIS SUBTITLE.			
$\begin{array}{c} 14\\ 15\end{array}$	(C) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS.			
$\frac{16}{17}$	(D) "LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS.			
18	(E) "LICENSEE" MEANS A LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST.			
19 20 21 22	(F) (1) "PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS" MEANS THE DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION OF SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS TO PRODUCE SOCIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR.			
23	(2) <b>"PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS" INCLUDES:</b>			
24 25 26	(I) THE EMPIRICAL IDENTIFICATION OF FUNCTIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, KNOWN AS FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS; AND			
27 28 29	(II) INTERVENTIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND THE DIRECT OBSERVATION AND MEASUREMENT OF BEHAVIOR AND ENVIRONMENT.			

1 (3) "PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS" DOES NOT INCLUDE 2 PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING, DIAGNOSIS OF A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISORDER, 3 NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHOTHERAPY, COGNITIVE THERAPY, SEX THERAPY, 4 PSYCHOANALYSIS OR HYPNOTHERAPY, OR LONG-TERM COUNSELING AS 5 TREATMENT MODALITIES.

6 **17–6A–02.** 

7 UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL USES AS A TITLE OR DESCRIBES THE SERVICES 8 THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES BY USE OF THE WORDS "BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS" OR 9 "BEHAVIOR ANALYST", THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF AN 10 INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS 11 LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS 12 ARTICLE.

13 **17–6A–03.** 

14 **THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT:** 

15 (1) REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF 16 BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS; AND

17(2)A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR18ANALYSIS.

19 **17–6A–04.** 

20 (A) (1) THE BOARD SHALL SET REASONABLE FEES FOR THE 21 ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES AND THE OTHER SERVICES IT PROVIDES 22 TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.

(2) THE FEES CHARGED SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS
 TO APPROXIMATE THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE LICENSURE PROGRAM AND
 THE OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.

26 (B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THE 27 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.

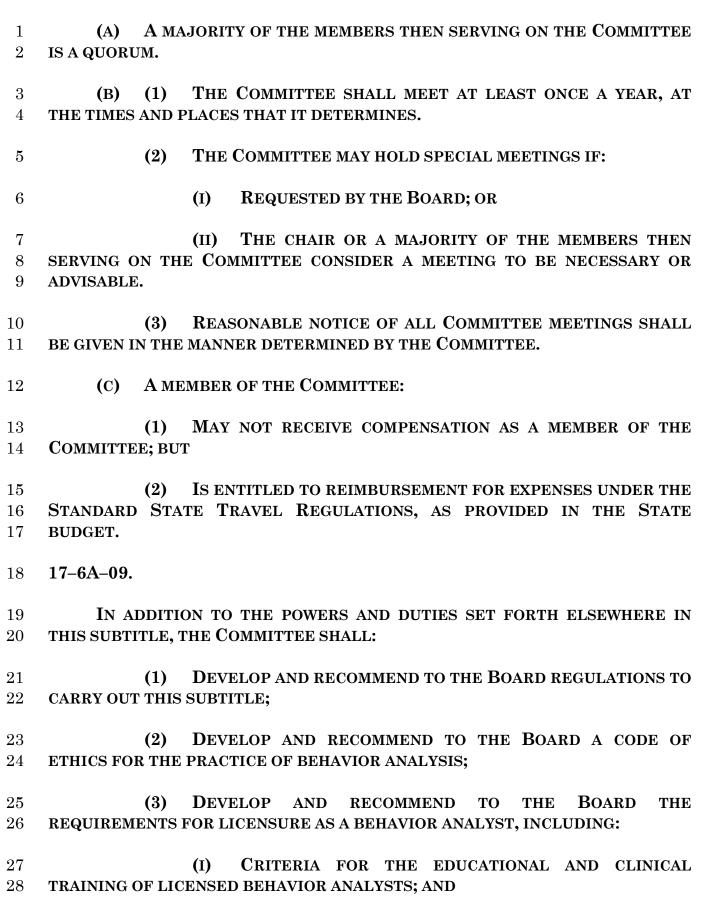
28 (2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE ALL FEES TO THE 29 BOARD.

30(c) The fees shall be used to cover the actual documented31DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE STATUTORY AND

REGULATORY DUTIES OF THE BOARD AS PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF 1  $\mathbf{2}$ THIS SUBTITLE. 17-6A-05. 3 4 THERE IS A BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE BOARD. 5 6 17-6A-06. 7 THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE (A) 8 **BOARD AS FOLLOWS:** 9 (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, FOUR BEHAVIOR **(I)** 10 **ANALYSTS WHO:** ARE CERTIFIED BY THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST 11 1. 12 **CERTIFICATION BOARD; AND** 2. 13 HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS OF CLINICAL 14 **EXPERIENCE; AND** ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2014, FOUR LICENSED 15(II) **BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS WHO:** 16 17ARE CERTIFIED BY THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST 1. **CERTIFICATION BOARD; AND** 18 19 2. HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS OF CLINICAL 20**EXPERIENCE; AND** 21 (2) **ONE CONSUMER MEMBER WHO IS RECEIVING SERVICES, HAS** 22RECEIVED SERVICES, OR HAS A CHILD WHO IS RECEIVING SERVICES FOR A 23BEHAVIORAL DISORDER, INCLUDING AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER. 24**(B)** THE CONSUMER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE: 25(1) SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC; 26(2) MAY NOT BE OR EVER HAVE BEEN A BEHAVIOR ANALYST OR 27IN TRAINING TO BECOME A BEHAVIOR ANALYST; 28(3) MAY NOT HAVE A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHO IS A BEHAVIOR 29ANALYST OR IN TRAINING TO BECOME A BEHAVIOR ANALYST;

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1 (4) MAY NOT PARTICIPATE OR EVER HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A  $\mathbf{2}$ COMMERCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL FIELD RELATED TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS; 3 (5) MAY NOT HAVE A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHO PARTICIPATES 4 IN A COMMERCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL FIELD RELATED TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS;  $\mathbf{5}$ AND 6 (6) MAY NOT HAVE HAD WITHIN 2 YEARS BEFORE APPOINTMENT 7 A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A PERSON REGULATED BY THE BOARD. 8 (C) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS. 9 (2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 1, 10 11 2014. 12AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE (3) 13UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES. 14 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN 15SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS 16 **APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.** 17(5) A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE FULL 18 TERMS. 19 THE BOARD MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR INCOMPETENCE OR (D) 20 MISCONDUCT. 17-6A-07. 2122FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE COMMITTEE ANNUALLY SHALL (A) 23ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE CHAIR. 24THE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE: **(B)** (1) 25THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS; AND 26(2) THE DUTIES OF EACH OFFICER. 2717-6A-08.



**(II)** 

CRITERIA FOR A PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY

 $\mathbf{2}$ EXAMINATION AND TESTING OF APPLICANTS FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE 3 **BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS:** 4 (4) **DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD CONTINUING**  $\mathbf{5}$ **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL;** 6 (5) PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH **RECOMMENDATIONS** 7 **CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS;** 8 (6) **KEEP A RECORD OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND** 9 (7) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD. 10 17-6A-10. 11 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, BEGINNING (A) 12OCTOBER 1, 2014, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS IN THE STATE. 13 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN 14 **(B)** 15EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA OF § 17-6A-11(C)(2) OF 16 THIS SUBTITLE WHILE ENGAGED IN AN UNPAID, CLINICAL EDUCATIONAL 17 **EXPERIENCE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS.** 18 17–6A–11. TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN 19 (A) 20INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. 21**(B) THE APPLICANT SHALL:** 22(1) **BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER; AND** 23(2) BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD. 24(C) **THE APPLICANT SHALL:** 25HAVE A CURRENT CERTIFICATION BY THE BEHAVIOR (1) **ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;** 2627(2) HAVE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S DEGREE FROM 28A BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE

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1 BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD OR ITS SUCCESSOR 2 ORGANIZATION;

3 (3) DEMONSTRATE ORAL AND WRITTEN COMPETENCY IN 4 ENGLISH AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD; AND

5 (4) MEET ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE 6 BOARD.

7 (D) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER
8 SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION IF AN INDIVIDUAL WAS CERTIFIED BY THE
9 BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30,
10 2014, AND IS CURRENTLY IN GOOD STANDING.

11 **17–6A–12.** 

12 **TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL:** 

13(1)SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON THE FORM THAT14THE BOARD REQUIRES;

15 (2) PAY TO THE BOARD THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE 16 BOARD; AND

17 (3) SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN 18 ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–501.1 OF THIS TITLE.

19 **17–6A–13.** 

20 (A) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT WHO 21 MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

22 (B) THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH LICENSE THAT THE BOARD 23 ISSUES:

- 24 (1) THE FULL NAME OF THE LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST;
- 25 (2) THE DATES OF ISSUANCE AND EXPIRATION;
- 26 (3) A SERIAL NUMBER;

27 (4) THE SIGNATURES OF THE CHAIR AND THE VICE CHAIR OF THE28 BOARD; AND

THE SEAL OF THE BOARD. 1 (5)  $\mathbf{2}$ **(C)** (1) **ON RECEIPT OF THE** CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD 3 INFORMATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–501.1 OF THIS TITLE, IN DETERMINING WHETHER 4 TO GRANT A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:  $\mathbf{5}$ 6 **(I)** THE AGE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED; 7 **(II)** THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME; 8 (III) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE 9 **CRIME**; 10 (IV) SUBSEQUENT WORK HISTORY; **(**V) 11 **EMPLOYMENT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES; AND** 12(VI) OTHER EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES WHETHER THE 13APPLICANT POSES A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY. THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE IF THE CRIMINAL 14 (2) **HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER § 17–501.1 OF THIS TITLE** 15HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. 16 1717-6A-14. 18 A BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PRACTICE 19BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS WHILE THE LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE. 2017-6A-15. 21(A) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A ROSTER THAT CONTAINS THE NAME 22AND ADDRESS OF EACH BEHAVIOR ANALYST CURRENTLY LICENSED, LISTED 23ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME AND GEOGRAPHICALLY BY ADDRESS. 24THE BOARD SHALL: **(B)** 25(1) **RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING** 26INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ROSTER; AND

1 (2) ON REQUEST, PROVIDE COPIES OF THE ROSTER BY MAIL TO 2 THE PUBLIC.

3 **17–6A–16.** 

4 (A) A LICENSE EXPIRES ON A DATE SET BY THE BOARD UNLESS THE 5 LICENSE IS RENEWED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS PROVIDED IN THIS 6 SECTION.

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

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(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(C) BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE LICENSEE PERIODICALLY MAY16RENEW THE LICENSE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM IF THE LICENSEE:

17 (1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSED;

18 (2) PAYS TO THE BOARD A RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD;
19 AND

20 (3) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD:

21 (I) A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE 22 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

(II) SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ANY
 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD UNDER
 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH CONTINUING EDUCATION
 REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION OF THE RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THIS
 SECTION.

12HOUSE BILL 150 1 **(E)** THE BOARD SHALL RENEW THE LICENSE OF EACH LICENSEE WHO  $\mathbf{2}$ MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. 17-6A-17. 3 THE BOARD SHALL PLACE A LICENSEE ON INACTIVE STATUS 4 (A) (1) 5 IF THE LICENSEE SUBMITS TO THE BOARD: 6 AN APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE STATUS ON THE FORM **(I)** 7 **REQUIRED BY THE BOARD; AND** 8 **(II)** THE INACTIVE STATUS FEE SET BY THE BOARD. 9 THE BOARD SHALL LICENSE AN INDIVIDUAL ON (2) **(I)** 10 INACTIVE STATUS WHO APPLIES FOR A LICENSE IF THE INDIVIDUAL: 11 1. **COMPLIES WITH THE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS** 12THAT EXIST AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL CHANGES FROM INACTIVE STATUS TO 13 **ACTIVE STATUS; AND** 142. MEETS ANY CONTINUING **EDUCATION** REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD. 1516 THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A LATE **(II)** FEE BY AN INDIVIDUAL AS A CONDITION TO LICENSING UNDER THIS 1718 PARAGRAPH. 19 **(B)** THE BOARD SHALL REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF A BEHAVIOR 20ANALYST WHO HAS NOT BEEN PUT ON INACTIVE STATUS AND WHO HAS FAILED 21TO RENEW THE LICENSE FOR ANY REASON IF THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST: 22(1) MEETS THE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS OF § 17-6A-16 OF 23THIS SUBTITLE: PAYS TO THE BOARD A REINSTATEMENT FEE SET BY THE 24(2) 25**BOARD;** AND 26(3) APPLIES TO THE BOARD FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE 27LICENSE WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE LICENSE EXPIRES. 28**(C)** (1) THE BOARD MAY NOT REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF A 29BEHAVIOR ANALYST WHO FAILS TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE 30 LICENSE WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE LICENSE EXPIRES.

1 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF 2 THIS SUBSECTION, A BEHAVIOR ANALYST MAY BECOME LICENSED BY MEETING 3 THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A NEW LICENSE UNDER THIS 4 SUBTITLE.

5 **17–6A–18.** 

6 (A) A LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING OF A CHANGE 7 IN NAME OR ADDRESS WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE.

8 (B) A LICENSEE WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS 9 SECTION IS SUBJECT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY OF \$100.

10 **17–6A–19.** 

11 UNLESS THE BOARD ACCEPTS THE SURRENDER OF A LICENSE, THE 12 LICENSE MAY NOT LAPSE BY OPERATION OF LAW WHILE THE LICENSEE IS 13 UNDER INVESTIGATION OR WHILE CHARGES ARE PENDING AGAINST THE 14 LICENSEE.

15 **17–6A–20.** 

16 SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 17–6A–23 OF THIS 17 SUBTITLE, THE BOARD, ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF ITS 18 MEMBERS THEN SERVING, MAY DENY A LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT, 19 REPRIMAND ANY LICENSEE, PLACE ANY LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND 20 OR REVOKE A LICENSE OF ANY LICENSEE IF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE:

21(1)FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO22OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE OR FOR ANOTHER;

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(2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A LICENSE;

(3) IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE
TO A FELONY OR A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE, WHETHER OR NOT
ANY APPEAL OR OTHER PROCEEDING IS PENDING TO HAVE THE CONVICTION OR
PLEA SET ASIDE;

28 (4) IS OR HAS BEEN ADDICTED TO ANY NARCOTIC OR HABITUALLY
29 INTOXICATED;

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1 AIDS OR ABETS AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IN PRACTICING (5)  $\mathbf{2}$ BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS OR REPRESENTING ONESELF TO BE A BEHAVIOR ANALYST; 3 PRACTICES BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (6) FRAUDULENTLY OR 4 **DECEITFULLY;** VIOLATES THE CODE OF ETHICS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD  $\mathbf{5}$ (7) 6 UNDER § 17–6A–03 OF THIS SUBTITLE; 7 WILLFULLY FAILS TO FILE OR RECORD ANY REPORT AS (8) 8 REQUIRED UNDER LAW, WILLFULLY IMPEDES OR OBSTRUCTS THE FILING OR 9 RECORDING OF THE REPORT, OR INDUCES ANOTHER TO FAIL TO FILE OR 10 **RECORD THE REPORT;** 11 (9) SUBMITS A FALSE STATEMENT TO COLLECT A FEE; 12(10) WILLFULLY MAKES OR FILES A FALSE REPORT OR RECORD IN 13 THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS; 14(11) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING OR DISCIPLINARY 15AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY OR CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A 16 COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE UNITED STATES VETERANS 17ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY 18 ACTION UNDER THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES; 19 20(12) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY 21**REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;** 22(13) USES OR PROMOTES OR CAUSES THE USE OF ANY 23MISLEADING, DECEIVING, OR UNTRUTHFUL ADVERTISING MATTER. 24**PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE, OR TESTIMONIAL;** 25(14) IS PROFESSIONALLY, PHYSICALLY, OR **MENTALLY** 26**INCOMPETENT;** 27(15) PROMOTES THE SALE OF DEVICES, APPLIANCES, OR GOODS TO A PATIENT SO AS TO EXPLOIT THE PATIENT FOR FINANCIAL GAIN; 2829(16) BEHAVES IMMORALLY IN THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR 30 ANALYSIS;

1 (17) COMMITS AN ACT OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN THE 2 PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS;

3 (18) REFUSES, WITHHOLDS FROM, DENIES, OR DISCRIMINATES
4 AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL
5 SERVICES FOR WHICH THE LICENSEE IS LICENSED AND QUALIFIED TO RENDER
6 BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL IS HIV POSITIVE;

7 (19) FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION 8 CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD;

9 (20) COMMITS AN ACT THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH GENERALLY 10 ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR 11 ANALYSIS; OR

12 (21) FAILS TO SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK 13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–501.1 OF THIS TITLE.

14 **17–6A–21.** 

15 (A) IF, AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 17–6A–23 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE 16 BOARD FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER § 17–6A–20 OF THIS 17 SUBTITLE TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE OR TO REPRIMAND A LICENSEE, 18 THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A MONETARY PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000:

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(1) INSTEAD OF SUSPENDING THE LICENSE; OR

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(2) IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE LICENSE.

21 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO SET STANDARDS FOR 22 THE IMPOSITION OF MONETARY PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

23 (C) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS 24 SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

25 **17–6A–22.** 

(A) IF, IN INVESTIGATING AN ALLEGATION BROUGHT AGAINST A
LICENSEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
THE LICENSEE MAY CAUSE HARM TO PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE LICENSEE'S
PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, THE BOARD, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, MAY
DIRECT THE LICENSEE TO SUBMIT TO AN APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION BY A
PSYCHOLOGIST OR PHYSICIAN DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD.

(1) SECTION IF REQUESTED BY THE BOARD IN WRITING; AND (2) EXAMINATION REPORTS OF THE EXAMINING PSYCHOLOGIST OR PHYSICIAN. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF THE LICENSEE TO SUBMIT TO AN **(C) REFUSAL WAS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE LICENSEE.** (D) UNDER THIS SECTION. 17-6A-23. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE 15(A) PROCEDURE ACT, BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES ANY ACTION UNDER § 17-6A-20 16 17OF THIS SUBTITLE, IT SHALL GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. 18 19 **(B)** THE BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE AND HOLD THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. 2021**(C)** THE HEARING NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE 22SERVED PERSONALLY OR BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, BEARING A POSTMARK FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, TO THE 2324LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE 25HEARING.

26**(D)** THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE HEARING BY 27COUNSEL.

28(1) OVER THE SIGNATURE OF AN OFFICER OR THE **(E)** 29ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BOARD, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND 30 ADMINISTER OATHS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS 31 SUBTITLE AND ANY HEARINGS OR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE BOARD.

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- IN RETURN FOR THE PRIVILEGE GIVEN TO A LICENSEE TO PRACTICE 1 **(B)**  $\mathbf{2}$ BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS IN THE STATE, THE LICENSEE IS DEEMED TO HAVE:
- 3 CONSENTED TO SUBMIT TO AN EXAMINATION UNDER THIS 4
- $\mathbf{5}$ WAIVED ANY CLAIM OF PRIVILEGE AS TO THE TESTIMONY OR 6

7 8 EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE LICENSEE'S INABILITY TO PRACTICE BEHAVIOR 9 ANALYSIS COMPETENTLY UNLESS THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE FAILURE OR 10 11

12THE BOARD SHALL PAY THE COST OF ANY EXAMINATION MADE 13

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1 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE SUBPOENAS ON BEHALF OF THE 2 INDIVIDUAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

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(I) **REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD DO SO; AND** 

4 (II) STATES UNDER OATH THAT THE TESTIMONY OR 5 EVIDENCE SOUGHT IS NECESSARY TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEFENSE.

6 (3) IF, WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE, AN INDIVIDUAL DISOBEYS A 7 SUBPOENA FROM THE BOARD OR AN ORDER BY THE BOARD TO TAKE AN OATH, 8 TESTIFY, OR ANSWER A QUESTION, ON PETITION OF THE BOARD, A COURT OF 9 COMPETENT JURISDICTION MAY COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBPOENA.

10 (F) IF, AFTER DUE NOTICE, THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE 11 ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPEAR, NEVERTHELESS THE 12 BOARD MAY HEAR AND DETERMINE THE MATTER.

13 (G) THE HEARING OF CHARGES MAY NOT BE STAYED OR CHALLENGED
14 BY ANY PROCEDURAL DEFECTS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BEFORE THE
15 FILING OF CHARGES.

16 **17–6A–24.** 

17 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION FOR AN ACTION UNDER § 18 **17–6A–20** OF THIS SUBTITLE, ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OF 19 THE BOARD IN A CONTESTED CASE, AS DEFINED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE 20 PROCEDURE ACT, MAY:

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(1) APPEAL THAT DECISION TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW; AND

22 (2) THEN TAKE ANY FURTHER APPEAL ALLOWED BY THE 23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

(B) (1) ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OF THE
BOARD UNDER § 17–6A–20 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT APPEAL TO THE
SECRETARY OR THE BOARD OF REVIEW BUT MAY TAKE A DIRECT JUDICIAL
APPEAL.

28 (2) THE APPEAL SHALL BE MADE AS PROVIDED FOR JUDICIAL 29 REVIEW OF FINAL DECISIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

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1 (C) A DECISION OF THE BOARD TO DENY A LICENSE, ENFORCE A 2 SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR, OR REVOKE A LICENSE MAY 3 NOT BE STAYED PENDING JUDICIAL REVIEW.

4 17-6A-25.

5 FOR REASONS THE BOARD CONSIDERS SUFFICIENT, AND ON THE 6 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS THEN SERVING, THE 7 BOARD MAY:

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(1) **REINSTATE A LICENSE THAT HAS BEEN REVOKED;** 

9 (2) **REDUCE THE PERIOD OF A SUSPENSION; OR** 

- 10 (3) WITHDRAW A REPRIMAND.
- 11 **17–6A–26.**

12 THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER FOR A VIOLATION OF 13 THIS SUBTITLE.

14 **17–6A–27.** 

15 (A) AN ACTION MAY BE MAINTAINED IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OR 16 THE BOARD TO ENJOIN:

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(1) THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS; OR

18 (2) CONDUCT THAT IS A GROUND FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION 19 UNDER § 17–6A–20 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

- 20 (B) AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE BROUGHT BY:
- 21 (1) THE BOARD, IN ITS OWN NAME;
- 22 (2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE; OR
- 23 (3) A STATE'S ATTORNEY, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE.

24 (C) AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE BROUGHT IN THE 25 COUNTY WHERE THE DEFENDANT:

26 (1) RESIDES; OR

(2) 1 ENGAGES IN THE ACTS SOUGHT TO BE ENJOINED.  $\mathbf{2}$ **PROOF OF ACTUAL DAMAGE OR THAT ANY PERSON WILL SUSTAIN (D)** 3 ANY DAMAGE IF AN INJUNCTION IS NOT GRANTED IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION. 4 AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO AND NOT  $\mathbf{5}$ **(E)** 6 INSTEAD OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS UNDER § 17-6A-29 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR DISCIPLINARY 7 8 ACTION UNDER § 17–6A–20 OF THIS SUBTITLE. 17-6A-28. 9 10 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BEHAVIOR ANALYST REHABILITATION 11 **COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE THAT:** 12(1) IS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND 13(2) PERFORMS ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION 14(D) OF THIS SECTION. 15**(B)** FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A BEHAVIOR ANALYST **REHABILITATION COMMITTEE IS A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD THAT:** 16 17(1) IS RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD; AND 18 (2) INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS. 19 **(C)** A REHABILITATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OR RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD MAY FUNCTION: 2021(1) SOLELY FOR THE BOARD; OR JOINTLY 22(2) WITH Α REHABILITATION **COMMITTEE** 23**REPRESENTING ANOTHER BOARD OR BOARDS.** 24**(D)** FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A BEHAVIOR ANALYST 25REHABILITATION COMMITTEE EVALUATES AND PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO ANY BEHAVIOR ANALYST IN NEED OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR 2627ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, OR OTHER PHYSICAL, 28EMOTIONAL, OR MENTAL CONDITION.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE 1 **(E)** (1)  $\mathbf{2}$ RECORDS, AND FILES PROCEEDINGS, OF THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST 3 REHABILITATION COMMITTEE ARE NOT DISCOVERABLE AND ARE NOT 4 ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE IN ANY CIVIL ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS  $\mathbf{5}$ THAT ARE BEING OR HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND EVALUATED BY THE BEHAVIOR 6 ANALYST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE.

7 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO 8 ANY RECORD OR DOCUMENT THAT IS CONSIDERED BY THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST 9 REHABILITATION COMMITTEE AND THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO 10 DISCOVERY OR INTRODUCTION INTO EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION.

(3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, CIVIL ACTION DOES
 NOT INCLUDE A PROCEEDING BEFORE THE BOARD OR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A
 PROCEEDING BEFORE THE BOARD.

14 **(F)** A PERSON WHO ACTS IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF 15 JURISDICTION OF THE BEHAVIOR ANALYST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE IS 16 NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION AS A MEMBER OF THE BEHAVIOR 17 ANALYST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE OR FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO, 18 PARTICIPATING IN, OR CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUNCTION OF THE BEHAVIOR 19 ANALYST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE.

20 **17–6A–29.** 

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON
 MAY NOT PRACTICE, ATTEMPT TO PRACTICE, OR OFFER TO PRACTICE BEHAVIOR
 ANALYSIS IN THIS STATE UNLESS LICENSED BY THE BOARD.

24 (B) EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

25 **17–6A–30.** 

26 UNLESS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS UNDER THIS 27 SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT:

(1) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE PERSON IS A LICENSED
 BEHAVIOR ANALYST; OR

30(2)USE ANY TITLE, ABBREVIATION, SIGN, CARD, OR OTHER31REPRESENTATION THAT THE PERSON IS A LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYST.

32 **17–6A–31.** 

1 (A) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 2 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT 3 EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

4 (B) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 17–6A–29 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 5 SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$50,000 TO BE ASSESSED BY THE 6 BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

7 (2) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER 8 THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS 9 AND THERAPISTS FUND.

10 **17–6A–32.** 

11 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS 12 ACT.

13 **17–6A–33.** 

14 SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND REESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONS OF 15 THE PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT, THIS SUBTITLE AND ALL RULES AND 16 REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF 17 NO EFFECT AFTER JULY 1, 2024.

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Article – State Government

19 8–403.

20 (a) On or before December 15 of the evaluation year specified, the 21 Department shall:

(1) conduct a preliminary evaluation of each governmental activity or
 unit to be evaluated under this section; and

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- (2) prepare a report on each preliminary evaluation conducted.

25 (b) Each of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes 26 and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units are subject to 27 preliminary evaluation in the evaluation year specified:

28 (8) BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE (§ 17–6A–05 OF 29 THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE: 2021);

	22		HOUSE BILL 150
$\frac{1}{2}$	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee shall expire as follows:		
3		(1)	two behavior analyst members in 2015;
45	and	(2)	one behavior analyst member and the consumer member in 2016;
6		(3)	one behavior analyst member in 2017.
7 8	SECT July 1, 2014		. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect