

# HOUSE BILL 859

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By: **Delegate Pendergrass**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

### **State Board of Physicians – Radiographers, Radiation Therapists, and Nuclear Medicine Technologists – Requirements for Licensing**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain applicants for licensure as radiographers, radiation therapists, and nuclear medicine technologists graduate from certain education programs accredited by certain national accrediting bodies and hold certain licensure, submit verification of certain employment, and not have been subject to or have pending certain disciplinary action under certain circumstances; requiring that certain applicants for licensure as radiographers, radiation therapists, and nuclear medicine technologists have passed certain examinations, have been certified and maintain certain registration or certification, and meet certain education, training, or examination requirements established by the Board; and generally relating to the State Board of Physicians, radiographers, radiation therapists, and nuclear medicine technologists and requirements for licensing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 14–5B–09  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Health Occupations**

14–5B–09.

(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the applicant [shall]:
- (1) [Be] **SHALL BE** of good moral character;
  - (2) [Be] **SHALL BE** at least 18 years old;
  - (3) [Demonstrate] **SHALL DEMONSTRATE** oral and written competency in English as required by the Board; [and
  - (4) Meet any educational, training, or examination requirements established by the Board, including:
    - (i) Graduation from an appropriate educational program as determined by the Board; and
    - (ii) Certification.]

**(4) (I) SHALL HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN EDUCATION PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY OR ONE OF ITS PREDECESSORS OR SUCCESSORS;**

**(II) SHALL HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN EDUCATION PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY OR ONE OF ITS PREDECESSORS OR SUCCESSORS; OR**

**(III) 1. SHALL HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN EDUCATION PROGRAM IN RADIOGRAPHY, RADIATION THERAPY, OR NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY APPROVED BY THE BOARD;**

**2. SHALL HOLD A CURRENT ACTIVE AND UNRESTRICTED LICENSE AS A RADIOGRAPHER, RADIATION THERAPIST, OR NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST IN ANOTHER STATE OR BE OTHERWISE RECOGNIZED AS A RADIOGRAPHER, RADIATION THERAPIST, OR NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST IN ANOTHER STATE;**

**3. SHALL SUBMIT VERIFICATION, ON A FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES, FROM EMPLOYERS, SUPERVISORS, OR COLLEAGUES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS FULL-TIME PRACTICE EXPERIENCE AS A RADIOGRAPHER, RADIATION THERAPIST, OR NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST IN ANOTHER STATE OR WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR AT LEAST 3 OF THE LAST 5 YEARS BEFORE THE DATE OF APPLICATION; AND**

**4. MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND MAY NOT HAVE A DISCIPLINARY ACTION PENDING AGAINST ANY CURRENT, PREVIOUS, OR EXPIRED LICENSE HELD BY THE APPLICANT;**

**(5) SHALL HAVE PASSED AN EXAMINATION IN RADIOGRAPHY, RADIATION THERAPY, OR NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY CONSTRUCTED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY APPROVED BY THE BOARD;**

**(6) SHALL HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AND MAINTAIN CURRENT REGISTRATION OR ACTIVE CERTIFICATION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FROM A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND**

**(7) SHALL MEET ANY OTHER EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.**

(c) To qualify for a license to practice as a radiologist assistant, an applicant shall:

(1) Be issued a general license to perform radiography;

(2) Complete an advanced academic program with a nationally recognized radiology curriculum that results in a baccalaureate degree, post baccalaureate certificate, or graduate degree and incorporates a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship;

(3) Be certified in advanced cardiac life support; and

(4) Be certified as a radiologist assistant by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

(d) Except for requirements adopted by the Board for license renewal under § 14-5B-12 of this subtitle, nothing in this subtitle may be construed to require an individual who is certified by the Board as a radiation oncology/therapy technologist, medical radiation technologist, or nuclear medicine technologist as of October 1, 2008, to meet additional education, training, or examination requirements.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.