

SENATE BILL 195

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ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senator Klausmeier**

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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 ~~Physicians – Licensure – Liability Coverage~~

3 ~~State Board of Physicians – Medical Professional Liability Insurance Coverage –~~

4 ~~Publication Verification, Publication, and Notification Requirements~~

5 ~~(Janet’s Law)~~

6 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring licensed physicians to maintain certain minimum amounts~~
7 ~~of professional liability insurance or attest to certain coverage as a condition of~~
8 ~~licensure and comply with certain regulations; requiring a licensed physician to~~
9 ~~notify the State Board of Physicians of the cancellation of the insurance or coverage~~
10 ~~within a certain time period; requiring a physician to provide the Board with certain~~
11 ~~verification or documentation on a certain application and at any other time on~~
12 ~~request of the Board; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; authorizing~~
13 ~~the Board to take certain actions if verification or other documentation of insurance~~
14 ~~or coverage is not provided as required by certain provisions of this Act; authorizing~~
15 ~~the Board to conduct certain audits for certain purposes; providing for the~~

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.



~~construction of certain provisions of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to physicians and liability coverage requiring a certain physician to provide the State Board of Physicians with certain verification or documentation within a certain number of days after the physician receives a certain request from the Board; requiring the public individual profile of certain licensees of the State Board of Physicians to include certain information as reported by the licensee to the Board, including information regarding whether the licensee maintains medical professional liability insurance; requiring certain licensees practicing medicine in the State to notify patients in writing of certain information relating to medical professional liability insurance coverage; requiring the notification to be provided at certain visits and as part of certain informed consents and signed by a patient at certain times; requiring a licensee to retain the notification as part of certain records and, under certain circumstances, to post certain information in a certain location at the licensee's place of practice; requiring the Board to develop certain language for a certain required notification; and generally relating to the publication of medical professional liability insurance coverage information physicians and liability coverage.~~

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-312.1 and 14-508

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

~~Section 14-205(b)(1), 14-309, 14-316(e), 14-317, and 14-404(a)(41) and (42)
14-411.1(b)(6)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Health Occupations~~

~~Section 14-312.1 and 14-404(a)(43) and (44)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)~~

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

Article – Health Occupations

~~14-205.~~

(b) (1) ~~In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may~~

1 (i) ~~Adopt regulations to regulate the performance of acupuncture,~~
2 ~~but only to the extent authorized by § 14-504 of this title;~~

3 (ii) ~~After consulting with the State Board of Pharmacy, adopt rules~~
4 ~~and regulations regarding the dispensing of prescription drugs by a licensed physician;~~

5 (iii) ~~Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act, deny a license to an~~
6 ~~applicant or, if an applicant has failed to renew the applicant's license, refuse to renew or~~
7 ~~reinstate an applicant's license for:~~

8 1. ~~Any of the reasons that are grounds for action under~~
9 ~~§ 14-404 of this title; [or]~~

10 2. ~~Failure to submit to a criminal history records check in~~
11 ~~accordance with § 14-308.1 of this title;~~

12 3. ~~FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH~~
13 ~~VERIFICATION OR DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE~~
14 ~~INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY § 14-312.1 OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

15 4. ~~PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH FALSE VERIFICATION~~
16 ~~OR DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR~~
17 ~~COVERAGE REQUIRED BY § 14-312.1 OF THIS TITLE;~~

18 (iv) ~~On receipt of a written and signed complaint, including a referral~~
19 ~~from the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, conduct an unannounced inspection of the~~
20 ~~office of a physician or acupuncturist, other than an office of a physician or acupuncturist~~
21 ~~in a hospital, related institution, freestanding medical facility, or a freestanding birthing~~
22 ~~center, to determine compliance at that office with the Centers for Disease Control and~~
23 ~~Prevention's guidelines on universal precautions; and~~

24 (v) ~~Contract with others for the purchase of administrative and~~
25 ~~examination services to carry out the provisions of this title.~~

26 ~~14-309.~~

27 (a) ~~To apply for a license, an applicant shall:~~

28 (1) ~~Submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with~~
29 ~~§ 14-308.1 of this subtitle;~~

30 (2) ~~PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH VERIFICATION OR OTHER~~
31 ~~DOCUMENTATION THAT THE APPLICANT MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE~~
32 ~~REQUIRED BY § 14-312.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

1 ~~[(2)] (3)~~ Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board
 2 requires; and

3 ~~[(3)] (4)~~ Pay to the Board the application fee set by the Board.

4 (b) ~~The Board may not release a list of applicants for licensure.~~

5 ~~14-312.1.~~

6 (A) ~~THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO, OR TO PREVENT~~
 7 ~~THE RENDERING OF, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN~~
 8 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-603 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.~~

9 (B) ~~EACH LICENSED PHYSICIAN SHALL:~~

10 (1) (i) ~~MAINTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE~~
 11 ~~IN THE AMOUNTS OF:~~

12 1. ~~\$500,000 PER OCCURRENCE OR CLAIM; AND~~

13 2. ~~\$1,500,000 PER ANNUAL AGGREGATE; OR~~

14 (ii) ~~ATTEST THAT THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN IS COVERED BY:~~

15 1. ~~THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT OR THE MARYLAND~~
 16 ~~TORT CLAIMS ACT; OR~~

17 2. ~~MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE~~
 18 ~~PROVIDED BY THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN'S EMPLOYER IN THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED~~
 19 ~~IN ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM;~~

20 (2) ~~HAVE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1)(I) OF~~
 21 ~~THIS SUBSECTION THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PHYSICIAN'S~~
 22 ~~CIRCUMSTANCES; AND~~

23 (3) ~~COMPLY WITH ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD~~
 24 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.~~

25 (C) ~~IF THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF~~
 26 ~~THIS SECTION IS CANCELED, THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN SHALL GIVE THE BOARD~~
 27 ~~NOTICE OF THE CANCELLATION AT LEAST 10 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE~~
 28 ~~EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CANCELLATION.~~

~~(D) (1) A PHYSICIAN SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH VERIFICATION OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;~~

~~(I) ON THE PHYSICIAN'S APPLICATION FOR:~~

~~1. AN INITIAL LICENSE UNDER § 14 309 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~2. RENEWAL OR REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE UNDER § 14 316 OR § 14 317 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(II) AT ANY OTHER TIME ON REQUEST OF THE BOARD.~~

~~(2) IF A PHYSICIAN FAILS TO SUBMIT VERIFICATION OR DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;~~

~~(I) THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE PHYSICIAN WITH NOTICE; AND~~

~~(II) THE PHYSICIAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:~~

~~1. DENIAL OF LICENSURE BY THE BOARD UNDER § 14 205(B)(1)(III) OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

~~2. DISCIPLINE BY A DISCIPLINARY PANEL UNDER § 14 404 OF THIS TITLE;~~

~~(3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD MAY ENFORCE THIS SUBSECTION BY RANDOMLY AUDITING A PORTION OF LICENSED PHYSICIANS TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(4) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE PENALTY, AN APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR FOR RENEWAL OR REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE WHO PROVIDES FALSE VERIFICATION OR DOCUMENTATION OF INSURANCE OR COVERAGE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:~~

~~(I) DENIAL OF LICENSURE BY THE BOARD UNDER § 14 205(B)(1)(III) OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

1 ~~(H) DISCIPLINE BY A DISCIPLINARY PANEL UNDER § 14-404 OF~~
 2 ~~THIS TITLE.~~

3 ~~(E) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION,~~
 4 ~~14-316.~~

5 ~~(e) Before the license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an~~
 6 ~~additional term, if the licensee:~~

7 ~~(1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;~~

8 ~~(2) PROVIDES THE BOARD WITH VERIFICATION OR DOCUMENTATION~~
 9 ~~THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY §~~
 10 ~~14-312.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

11 ~~[(2)] (3) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and~~

12 ~~[(3)] (4) Submits to the Board:~~

13 ~~(i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and~~

14 ~~(ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing~~
 15 ~~education requirements set under this section for license renewal.~~

16 ~~14-317.~~

17 ~~The Board shall reinstate the license of a physician who has failed to renew the~~
 18 ~~license for any reason if the physician:~~

19 ~~(1) Meets the renewal requirements of § 14-316 of this subtitle;~~

20 ~~(2) PROVIDES THE BOARD WITH VERIFICATION OR DOCUMENTATION~~
 21 ~~THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY~~
 22 ~~§ 14-312.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

23 ~~[(2)] (3) Pays to the Board a reinstatement fee set by the Board; and~~

24 ~~[(3)] (4) Submits to the Board satisfactory evidence of compliance with~~
 25 ~~the qualifications and requirements established under this title for license reinstatements.~~

26 ~~14-404.~~

27 ~~(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary~~
 28 ~~panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may~~

1 ~~reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if~~
 2 ~~the licensee:~~

3 ~~(41) Performs a cosmetic surgical procedure in an office or a facility that is~~
 4 ~~not:~~

5 ~~(i) Accredited by:~~

6 ~~1. The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory~~
 7 ~~Surgical Facilities;~~

8 ~~2. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health~~
 9 ~~Care; or~~

10 ~~3. The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare~~
 11 ~~Organizations; or~~

12 ~~(ii) Certified to participate in the Medicare program, as enacted by~~
 13 ~~Title XVIII of the Social Security Act; [or]~~

14 ~~(42) Fails to submit to a criminal history records check under § 14-308.1 of~~
 15 ~~this title;~~

16 ~~(43) FAILS TO:~~

17 ~~(i) MAINTAIN THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE REQUIRED BY~~
 18 ~~§ 14-312.1 OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

19 ~~(ii) PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH VERIFICATION OR~~
 20 ~~DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE~~
 21 ~~REQUIRED BY § 14-312.1 OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

22 ~~(44) PROVIDES THE BOARD WITH FALSE VERIFICATION OR~~
 23 ~~DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE INSURANCE OR COVERAGE~~
 24 ~~REQUIRED BY § 14-312.1 OF THIS TITLE.~~

25 14-312.1.

26 ON REQUEST OF THE BOARD, A PHYSICIAN WHO REPORTS TO THE BOARD
 27 THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
 28 FOR PURPOSES OF THE PUBLIC INDIVIDUAL PROFILE MAINTAINED BY THE BOARD
 29 UNDER § 14-411.1(B) OF THIS TITLE SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH
 30 VERIFICATION OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS THE
 31 INSURANCE WITHIN 25 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE PHYSICIAN RECEIVES A REQUEST
 32 FROM THE BOARD.

1 14-411.1.

2 (b) The Board shall create and maintain a public individual profile on each
 3 licensee that includes the following information:

4 (6) ~~Medical~~ AS REPORTED TO THE BOARD BY THE LICENSEE, education
 5 and practice information about the licensee including:

6 (i) The name of any medical school that the licensee attended and
 7 the date on which the licensee graduated from the school;

8 (ii) A description of any internship and residency training;

9 (iii) A description of any specialty board certification by a recognized
 10 board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic
 11 Association;

12 (iv) The name of any hospital where the licensee has medical
 13 privileges as reported to the Board under § 14-413 of this subtitle;

14 (v) The location of the licensee's primary practice setting; [and]

15 (vi) Whether the licensee participates in the Maryland Medical
 16 Assistance Program; AND

17 (VII) WHETHER THE LICENSEE MAINTAINS MEDICAL
 18 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AS REPORTED BY THE LICENSEE TO THE
 19 BOARD.

20 14-508.

21 (A) EACH LICENSEE PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE STATE SHALL NOTIFY A
 22 PATIENT IN WRITING IF:

23 (1) THE LICENSEE DOES NOT MAINTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL
 24 LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE; OR

25 (2) THE LICENSEE'S MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
 26 COVERAGE HAS LAPSED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LICENSEE'S COVERAGE
 27 HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED.

28 (B) THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT UNDER
 29 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE:

1 **(1) PROVIDED:**

2 **(I) AT THE FIRST VISIT BY THE PATIENT DURING ANY PERIOD**
3 **IN WHICH THE LICENSEE DOES NOT MAINTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**
4 **INSURANCE, UNLESS THE VISIT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING INCIDENTAL**
5 **MEDICAL CARE THAT WILL BE RENDERED FREE OF CHARGE; AND**

6 **(II) AS PART OF EACH INFORMED CONSENT OBTAINED BEFORE**
7 **ANY PROCEDURE OR OPERATION DISCUSSED OR OFFERED FOR THE PATIENT’S**
8 **CONSIDERATION IS PERFORMED;**

9 **(2) SIGNED BY THE PATIENT AT THE TIME OF THE PATIENT’S VISIT OR**
10 **THE INFORMED CONSENT IS SIGNED; AND**

11 **(3) RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE AS PART OF THE LICENSEE’S**
12 **PATIENT RECORDS.**

13 **(C) EACH LICENSEE PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE STATE WHO DOES NOT**
14 **MAINTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE SHALL POST**
15 **THIS INFORMATION IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION IN THE LICENSEE’S PLACE OF**
16 **PRACTICE.**

17 *SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians*
18 *shall develop appropriate language for the notification required under § 14-508 of the*
19 *Health Occupations Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.*

20 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.