

SENATE BILL 436

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Credit for Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Physician in**
3 **Preceptorship Program – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a credit against the State income tax for certain individuals
5 who, under certain circumstances, serve as preceptors in certain preceptorship
6 programs and work in certain areas of the State with health care workforce
7 shortages; altering the application of a certain fee assessed by the Board of Nursing
8 for the renewal of a certain nurse practitioner; altering the number of hours a certain
9 nurse practitioner or licensed physician must work in a certain preceptorship
10 program in order to qualify for the tax credit; providing for the application of this
11 Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to a credit
12 against the State income tax for certain preceptors in certain areas with health care
13 workforce shortages.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Health Occupations
16 Section 8–206(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Tax – General
21 Section 10–739(b)(1)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2016 Replacement Volume)

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

26 **Article – Health Occupations**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 8–206.

2 (b) (1) The Board may set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of
3 licenses and its other services.

4 (2) The fees charged shall be set so as to produce funds to approximate the
5 cost of maintaining the Board as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

6 (3) (i) In addition to the fee set by the Board under this title for the
7 renewal of **A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO HOLDS** an advanced practice registered nurse
8 certification [of a nurse practitioner], the Board shall assess a separate \$15 fee for [a] **THE**
9 renewal of the [certification] **NURSE PRACTITIONER, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF**
10 **CERTIFICATIONS HELD BY THE NURSE PRACTITIONER.**

11 (ii) The Board shall pay the fee collected under subparagraph (i) of
12 this paragraph to the Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund established under
13 § 10–739 of the Tax – General Article.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
15 as follows:

16 **Article – Tax – General**

17 10–739.

18 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, a nurse practitioner or licensed
19 physician may claim a credit against the State income tax in the amount stated on the tax
20 credit certificate issued under subsection (c) of this section for the taxable year in which
21 the nurse practitioner or licensed physician served without compensation as a preceptor in
22 a preceptorship program approved by the State Board of Nursing and worked:

23 (i) a minimum of three rotations, each consisting of [160] **AT LEAST**
24 **120** hours **OR THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF HOURS FOR A COMPLETED UNIT** of
25 community–based clinical training; and

26 (ii) in an area of the State identified as having a health care
27 workforce shortage by the Department, in consultation with the Governor’s Workforce
28 Development Board.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall be
30 applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

31 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
32 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
33 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to

1 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
2 enacted.