

Chapter 569

(Senate Bill 711)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Applications for Renewal of Licenses, Permits, Certifications, or Registrations – Available by Mail

FOR the purpose of requiring a health occupations board to send by first–class mail a renewal application at the request of a licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or registrant if the health occupations board chooses to send renewal notices or renewed licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations exclusively by e–mail under certain provisions of law; and generally relating to applications for renewal of licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations for health occupations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Health Occupations
 Section 1–220
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

1–220.

(a) Each health occupation board may develop a secure electronic system for the distribution of a renewed license, permit, certification, or registration required to be issued under this title.

(b) The system shall:

(1) Be accessible to the public for the purpose of verification of a current license, permit, certification, or registration; and

(2) Provide the licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or registrant the option of printing a verification of the status of their license, permit, certification, or registration.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, a board that develops and implements a system authorized under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) Discontinue to send by first–class mail:

(i) A renewal notice for a license, permit, certification, or registration; and

(ii) A renewed license, permit, certification, or registration;

(2) Send by electronic means:

(i) A renewal notice for a license, permit, certification, or registration; and

(ii) A renewed license, permit, certification, or registration; and

(3) Continue to send by first-class mail an initial license, permit, certification, or registration.

(d) If a board chooses to send renewal notices or renewed licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations exclusively by electronic mail under subsection (c) of this section, the board shall, on request of the licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or registrant, send by first-class mail:

(1) The renewal notice; [or]

(2) THE RENEWAL APPLICATION; OR

[(2)] (3) The renewed license, permit, certification, or registration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.