

# HOUSE BILL 454

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By: **Delegate Lopez**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health occupations board from denying a license,  
4 certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets certain  
5 requirements; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for  
6 a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification  
7 Number of the applicant and record the number on the application; and generally  
8 relating to applications for health occupations licenses, certifications, or  
9 registrations by immigrants.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Family Law  
12 Section 10–119.3(a) and (c)(1)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Family Law  
17 Section 10–119.3(b), (c)(2), and (d)(1)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Health Occupations  
22 Section 1–227  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Family Law**

2 10–119.3.

3 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (2) “License” means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or other  
5 authorization that:

6 (i) is issued by a licensing authority;

7 (ii) is subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or termination by  
8 a licensing authority; and

9 (iii) is necessary for an individual to practice or engage in:

10 1. a particular business, occupation, or profession; or

11 2. recreational hunting or fishing.

12 (3) (i) “Licensing authority” means a department, unit of a department,  
13 commission, board, office, or court of the State.

14 (ii) “Licensing authority” includes:

15 1. the Maryland Department of Labor;

16 2. the Maryland Department of Health;

17 3. the Department of Human Services;

18 4. the Department of Transportation;

19 5. the Department of the Environment;

20 6. the Comptroller of the Treasury;

21 7. the Department of Agriculture;

22 8. the Maryland Insurance Administration;

23 9. the Public Service Commission;

24 10. the Secretary of State;

25 11. the State Department of Education;

1 12. the Department of Natural Resources;

2 13. the Office of the Attorney General;

3 14. the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a license  
4 or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; and

5 15. the Court of Appeals.

6 (b) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this  
7 subsection, a licensing authority shall:

8 (i) require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security  
9 number of the applicant; and

10 (ii) record the applicant's Social Security number on the application.

11 (2) The Department of Natural Resources shall:

12 (i) require an applicant for a recreational hunting or fishing license  
13 to disclose only the last four digits of the Social Security number of the applicant instead of  
14 the full Social Security number; and

15 (ii) record the applicant's partial Social Security number on the  
16 application.

17 **(3) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:**

18 **(I) REQUIRE EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO DISCLOSE**  
19 **THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION**  
20 **NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT; AND**

21 **(II) RECORD THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR**  
22 **INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON THE APPLICATION.**

23 (c) (1) To carry out its responsibility under State and federal law, the  
24 Administration may request from a licensing authority information concerning any obligor  
25 in arrears in paying child support through a support enforcement agency.

26 (2) A request for information by the Administration under paragraph (1) of  
27 this subsection:

28 (i) shall contain:

29 1. the full name of the obligor; and

1                                   2.     the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial  
2 Social Security number **OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** of the  
3 obligor; and

4                                   (ii)     may be transmitted to a licensing authority using an electronic  
5 format.

6           (d)   (1)    Upon receipt of a request for information under subsection (c) of this  
7 section, a licensing authority shall submit the following information to the Administration  
8 with respect to each obligor who is licensed by, or has applied for a license from, the  
9 licensing authority:

10                               (i)     the full name of the obligor;

11                               (ii)    the address of the obligor, if known;

12                               (iii)  the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial Social  
13 Security number **OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** of the obligor,  
14 if known; and

15                               (iv)   a description of the license held by the obligor.

## 16                                   **Article – Health Occupations**

### 17   **1–227.**

18           **(A)    IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:**

19                               **(1)    WHOSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE**  
20 **UNITED STATES;**

21                               **(2)    WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; AND**

22                               **(3)    WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.**

23           **(B)    A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY NOT DENY A LICENSE,**  
24 **CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION TO AN IMMIGRANT IF THE INDIVIDUAL**  
25 **OTHERWISE MEETS ALL EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, OR PROFESSIONAL**  
26 **REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.**

27           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2023.