

SENATE BILL 83

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Simonaire**

Requested: July 2, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal and Court Actions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the grounds for discipline by certain health occupations boards
4 to include being disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S.
5 Department of Veterans Affairs; altering the grounds for discipline of a naturopathic
6 doctor by the State Board of Physicians to include being convicted or disciplined by
7 a court of any state or country; and generally relating to the grounds for discipline
8 by health occupations boards.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article – Health Occupations

11 Section 2–101(a) and (c), 4–101(a) and (b), 5–101(a) and (b), 11–101(a) and (b),
12 12–101(a) and (d), 13–101(a) and (b), 14–101(a) and (b), 14–5A–01(a) and (c),
13 14–5B–01(a) and (d), 14–5C–01(a) and (c), 14–5D–01(a) and (e), 14–5E–01(a)
14 and (c), 14–5F–01(a) and (d), 14–5G–01(a) and (d), 15–101(a), (c), and (f),
15 16–101(a) and (b), 17–101(a) and (e), 18–101(a) and (b), 19–101(a) and (b), and
16 21–101(a) and (b)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – Health Occupations

21 Section 2–314(14), 4–315(a)(21) and (c)(6), 5–311(12), 11–313(20), 12–313(b)(24),
22 13–316(10), 14–404(a)(21), 14–5A–17(a)(17), 14–5B–14(a)(17),
23 14–5C–17(a)(18), 14–5D–14(a)(17), 14–5E–16(a)(18), 14–5G–18(a)(19),
24 15–314(a)(21), 16–311(a)(21), 17–6A–19(10), 18–313(11), 19–311(9), and
25 21–312(b)(7)

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



BY repealing

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–5F–18(a)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–5F–18(a)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

2–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Board” means the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists.

2–314.

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 2–315 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license or limited license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a limited license, place any licensee or holder of a limited license on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or limited license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

(14) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

4–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Board” means the State Board of Dental Examiners.

4–315.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4–318 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a general license to practice dentistry, a limited license to practice dentistry, or a

teacher's license to practice dentistry to any applicant, reprimand any licensed dentist, place any licensed dentist on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of any licensed dentist, if the applicant or licensee:

(21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

(c) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4–318 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a general license to practice dental hygiene, a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene, or a temporary license to practice dental hygiene to any applicant, reprimand any licensed dental hygienist, place any licensed dental hygienist on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of any licensed dental hygienist, if the applicant or licensee:

(6) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

5–101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of Dietetic Practice.

5–311.

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 5–312 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

(12) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any other state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

11–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

1 11–313.

2 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 11–315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
3 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
4 applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a
5 license if the applicant or licensee:

6 (20) Has had a license to practice optometry denied, suspended or revoked
7 in another state, **OR HAS BEEN DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED**
8 **SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act which would
9 be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY**
10 **STATUTES**;

11 12–101.

12 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (d) “Board” means the State Board of Pharmacy.

14 12–313.

15 (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12–315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
16 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
17 applicant for a pharmacist’s license, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on
18 probation, or suspend or revoke a license of a pharmacist if the applicant or licensee:

19 (24) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
20 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED BY**
21 **ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
22 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
23 Board’s disciplinary statutes;

24 13–101.

25 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

27 13–316.

28 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 13–317 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a
29 license or restricted license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a
30 restricted license, place any licensee or holder of a restricted license on probation, or
31 suspend or revoke a license or restricted license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

(10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or [Veterans Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

14-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of Physicians.

14-404.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:

(21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the [Veterans' Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

14-5A-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) "Committee" means the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee established under § 14-5A-05 of this subtitle.

14-5A-17.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

(17) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the [Veterans' Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

14-5B-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Committee” means the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee of the Board.

14–5B–14.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

(17) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or is disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

14–5C–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Committee” means the Polysomnography Advisory Committee established under § 14–5C–05 of this subtitle.

14–5C–17.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

(18) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or is disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

14–5D–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) “Committee” means the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee established under § 14–5D–04 of this subtitle.

14–5D–14.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

(17) Is disciplined by a licensing, certifying, or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the [Veterans Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

14–5E–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Committee” means the Perfusion Advisory Committee established under § 14–5E–05 of this subtitle.

14–5E–16.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

(18) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

14–5F–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Committee” means the Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee.

14–5F–18.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license of any licensee if the applicant or licensee:

[(5) Has a license revoked or suspended, or was otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state;]

(5) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING, CERTIFYING, OR DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OR IS CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;

14-5G-01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) "Committee" means the Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee.

14-5G-18.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

(19) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

15-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) "Board" means the State Board of Physicians, established under § 14-201 of this article.

(f) "Committee" means the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee.

15-314.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15-315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum, may reprimand any physician assistant, place any physician assistant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the physician assistant:

(21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the [Veterans' Administration] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;

1 16–101.

2 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

4 16–311.

5 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16–313 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
6 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or a limited
7 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a limited license, impose an
8 administrative monetary penalty not exceeding \$50,000 on any licensee or holder of a
9 limited license, place any licensee or holder of a limited license on probation, or suspend or
10 revoke a license or a limited license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

11 (21) Has been disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state
12 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by
13 any branch of the uniformed services or the [United States Veterans Administration] **U.S.**
14 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
15 action under [this section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

16 17–101.

17 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (e) “Board” means the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

19 17–6A–19.

20 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 17–6A–21 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
21 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
22 applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a
23 license of any licensee if the applicant or licensee:

24 (10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
25 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any
26 branch of the uniformed services or the [United States Veterans Administration] **U.S.**
27 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
28 action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

29 18–101.

30 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

31 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

1 18–313.

2 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 18–315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
3 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or
4 registration to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or registrant, place any licensee or
5 registrant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or registration of any licensee or
6 registrant if the applicant, licensee, or registrant:

7 (11) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
8 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any
9 branch of the uniformed services or the [United States Veterans Administration] **U.S.**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
11 action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

12 19–101.

13 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

14 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

15 19–311.

16 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19–312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a
17 license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on
18 probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

19 (9) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state[,] **OR**
20 country[, or branch of the armed services, or the Veterans’ Administration] **OR**
21 **CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR**
22 **DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S.**
23 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
24 action under [this section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

25 21–101.

26 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

28 21–312.

29 (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 21–313 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
30 affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may deny any applicant
31 licensure, reprimand any licensee, or place any individual who is licensed on probation, or
32 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

1 (7) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state
2 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED**
3 **BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
5 Board's disciplinary statutes;

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2026.