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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Membership - Doctors of Osteopathy**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that among the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance  
4 members appointed from a list submitted by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of  
5 the State of Maryland, at least one shall be a doctor of osteopathy licensed in this  
6 State; providing that the term of the Doctor of Osteopathy Board member shall  
7 begin subsequent to the first Faculty nominated physician vacancy; and generally  
8 relating to appointments to the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Health Occupations  
11 Section 14-201  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Health Occupations  
16 Section 14-202(a)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health Occupations**

22 14-201.

23 There is a State Board of Physician Quality Assurance in the Department.

24 14-202.

25 (a) (1) The Board shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

26 (2) Of the 15 members:

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1 (i) 10 shall be practicing licensed physicians, AT LEAST ONE OF  
2 WHOM IS A DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE,  
3 appointed from a list submitted by the Faculty;

4 (ii) 1 shall be a practicing licensed physician appointed at the  
5 Governor's discretion;

6 (iii) 1 shall be a representative of the Department nominated by the  
7 Secretary;

8 (iv) 2 shall be consumer members appointed with the advice and  
9 consent of the Senate; and

10 (v) 1 shall be a consumer member knowledgeable in risk management  
11 or quality assurance matters appointed from a list submitted by the Maryland Hospital  
12 Association.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if on the effective date of  
14 this Act there is not a licensed doctor of osteopathy on the State Board of Physician  
15 Quality Assurance, the requirements of this Act shall be implemented at the time next  
16 following Faculty-nominated physician appointment. This Act may not be interpreted to  
17 have any effect on any member serving on the Board on the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 1996.