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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupation Boards - Sexual Exploitation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring health occupation boards to adopt certain regulations
4 regarding sexual exploitation; requiring health occupation boards to require certain
5 applicants for a license or certificate to demonstrate knowledge on certain topics;
6 requiring certain reporting by the health occupation boards and the Secretary of
7 Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to sexual exploitation and health
8 occupation boards.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Health Occupations
11 Section 1-211
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Health Occupations**

17 1-211.

18 (A) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A LICENSE
19 OR CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS:

20 (1) DEFINING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION FOR THAT PROFESSION;

21 (2) SPECIFYING THE APPROPRIATE CLINICAL STANDARDS FOR
22 INTERACTING WITH A CLIENT OR PATIENT IN ORDER TO AVOID SEXUAL
23 EXPLOITATION OF THE CLIENT OR PATIENT; AND

24 (3) PROVIDING FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ANY LICENSEE OR
25 CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE
26 HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

27 (B) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR
28 A NEW OR RENEWED LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE TO DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF
29 THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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1 (C) (1) ONCE EACH YEAR, EACH HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARD SHALL
2 INCLUDE IN ONE OF ITS BIMONTHLY REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY THE NUMBER OF
3 COMPLAINTS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND THE RESOLUTION OF EACH
4 COMPLAINT.

5 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL COMPILE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
6 FROM THE HEALTH OCCUPATION BOARDS AND DEVELOP AN ANNUAL REPORT TO
7 BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 OF
8 EACH YEAR.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 1997.