
By: Senator Astle

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Mediation Services - Required Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons who hold themselves out as providing
4 mediation services to complete certain training in mediation; defining certain terms;
5 providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to consumer protection in the
6 practice of mediation.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Commercial Law
9 Section 14-2801 through 14-2803, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
10 28. Mediation Services"
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Commercial Law**

16 **SUBTITLE 28. MEDIATION SERVICES.**

17 14-2801.

18 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (B) "MEDIATION SERVICES" MEANS AN INTERVENTION IN DISPUTE
21 NEGOTIATIONS BY A TRAINED NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY WITH THE PURPOSE OF
22 ASSISTING THE PARTIES TO REACH THEIR OWN SOLUTION.

23 (C) "MEDIATOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO HOLDS HIMSELF OR HERSELF OUT
24 TO THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDING MEDIATION SERVICES.

25 14-2802.

26 A MEDIATOR SHALL COMPLETE AT LEAST 40 HOURS OF TRAINING IN A
27 MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAM:

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1 (1) ASSOCIATED WITH AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF
2 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; OR

3 (2) ACCREDITED BY THE ACADEMY OF FAMILY MEDIATORS.

4 14-2803.

5 A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
6 PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES PROVIDED IN TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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