

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 958  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

At the top of page 1, strike "EMERGENCY BILL".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 9, inclusive, and substitute:

"FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance to include a physician's public address in a list of licensed physicians; requiring a physician to provide to the Board a nonpublic address under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to maintain a file of physicians' nonpublic addresses; requiring a physician to designate an address where the Board may send mail to the physician; establishing that a physician's nonpublic address is not a public record and may not be released; prohibiting the Board from releasing a list of applicants for licensure; and generally relating to the disclosure of information relating to physicians and applicants for physicians' licenses.";

and strike lines 10 through 14, inclusive, and substitute:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations  
Section 14-205(b)(2) and 14-309  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations  
Section 14-205(b)(3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland

(Over)

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 23 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“14-205.

(b) (2) (I) The Board shall keep a list of all physicians who are currently licensed.

(II) THE LIST SHALL INCLUDE EACH PHYSICIAN’S DESIGNATED PUBLIC ADDRESS.

(III) A PHYSICIAN’S DESIGNATED PUBLIC ADDRESS MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX ONLY IF THE PHYSICIAN PROVIDES TO THE BOARD A NONPUBLIC ADDRESS, UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT IS NOT A POST OFFICE BOX.

(IV) Each list prepared under this [subsection] PARAGRAPH shall be kept as a permanent record of the Board.

(V) The list of currently licensed physicians is a public record.

(3) (I) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN ON FILE A PHYSICIAN’S DESIGNATED NONPUBLIC ADDRESS, IF PROVIDED BY THE PHYSICIAN, TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PHYSICIAN AND THE BOARD.

(II) THE BOARD SHALL OFFER A PHYSICIAN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGNATE A NONPUBLIC ADDRESS, IN ADDITION TO THE PHYSICIAN’S PUBLIC ADDRESS, AT THE TIME OF INITIAL LICENSURE AND LICENSE RENEWAL.

(III) A PHYSICIAN SHALL DESIGNATE AN ADDRESS WHERE THE BOARD MAY SEND THE PHYSICIAN MAIL.

(IV) A PHYSICIAN’S DESIGNATED NONPUBLIC ADDRESS IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD AND MAY NOT BE RELEASED BY THE BOARD.

14-309.

(A) To apply for a license, an applicant shall:

(1) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board requires; and

(2) Pay to the Board the application fee set by the Board.

(B) THE BOARD MAY NOT RELEASE A LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, strike beginning with “is” in line 24 down through “enacted” in line 28 and substitute “shall take effect July 1, 1998”.