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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing - Licensing Requirements - Exception**

3 FOR the purpose of adding an exception to a certain nurse licensing requirement to
4 allow nurses licensed in a state other than Maryland to practice registered
5 nursing or licensed practical nursing under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to nurse licensing requirements.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health Occupations
9 Section 8-301
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Health Occupations**

15 8-301.

16 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed
17 by the Board before the individual may practice registered nursing in this State.

18 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed
19 by the Board before the individual may practice licensed practical nursing in this
20 State.

21 (c) This section does not apply to:

22 (1) A student enrolled in an approved education program while
23 practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing in that program;

24 (2) An individual employed by the federal government to practice
25 registered nursing or licensed practical nursing while practicing within the scope of
26 that employment, if the individual is authorized by any state to practice registered
27 nursing or licensed practical nursing; [and]

1 (3) An individual permitted to practice registered nursing or licensed
2 practical nursing under rules and regulations adopted by the Board, if the individual:

3 (i) Otherwise has qualified to practice registered nursing or
4 licensed practical nursing in any other state or country and is in this State
5 temporarily; or

6 (ii) Has an application for a license pending before the Board:

7 1. But has not taken the examination required under this
8 title; or

9 2. Has taken an examination under this title, but the results
10 of the examination are not yet known; AND

11 (4) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ASSIGNED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO
12 A DISASTER SITUATION IN THIS STATE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING OR
13 LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE
14 REGISTERED NURSING OR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING IN ANOTHER STATE.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 1998.