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By: **Senator Hollinger**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupation Boards - Study of Codes of Conduct for Board Members**  
3 **and Investigators**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the health occupation boards and the Department of  
5 Health and Mental Hygiene to study the recommendations of a certain report  
6 concerning the establishment of certain codes of conduct and determine how to  
7 implement those recommendations in a specified manner; requiring each health  
8 occupation board to identify certain changes to its statutory authority; requiring  
9 the health occupation boards and the Department of Health and Mental  
10 Hygiene to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain  
11 date; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the  
12 study of the establishment of codes of conduct for health occupation board  
13 members and investigators.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That each health occupation board and the Department of Health and  
16 Mental Hygiene shall study the recommendations of the August 25, 1997 report of the  
17 Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission concerning the establishment of  
18 codes of conduct for members of health occupation boards and the investigators  
19 assigned to those boards and determine how to implement those recommendations  
20 with as much uniformity among the health occupation boards as practicable. In  
21 addition, each health occupation board shall identify the changes to its statutory  
22 authority that would be necessary to establish and enforce a code of conduct. The  
23 health occupation boards and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall  
24 report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House  
25 Environmental Matters Committee on or before November 1, 1998, in accordance  
26 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, with the conclusions of their study.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 June 1, 1998.