
By: **Senator Hollinger**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Physician Assistants Advisory**
3 **Committee - Membership**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to assign a
5 physician member to serve as a nonvoting Board representative at all Physician
6 Assistants Advisory Committee meetings; specifying certain requirements of the
7 physician members of the Board; specifying certain requirements of the
8 physician assistant members of the Board; requiring that an Advisory
9 Committee chairperson and a secretary shall be elected for a certain term and in
10 a certain manner; specifying the capacity in which the chairperson shall serve;
11 repealing the requirement that the Board adopt regulations regarding the
12 appointment of a chairperson and other Committee officers; and generally
13 relating to the members of the Board and the Advisory Committee.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Health Occupations
16 Section 15-202 and 15-203
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health Occupations**

22 15-202.

23 (a) (1) The Committee shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Board.

24 (2) Of the 7 Committee members:

25 (i) 3 shall be licensed physicians;

26 (ii) 3 shall be certified physician assistants; and

27 (iii) 1 shall be a consumer.

1 (3) Of the licensed physician members:

2 (i) At least 1 shall specialize in general surgery or a surgical
3 subspecialty; and

4 (ii) At least 1 shall specialize in internal medicine, family practice,
5 or a similar primary care specialty.

6 (4) The Board shall:

7 (i) Appoint the physician assistant members from a list of names
8 submitted by:

9 1. The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants; and

10 2. The State institutions of higher education with approved
11 physician assistant programs[.];

12 (ii) Appoint the consumer member selected by the Secretary of the
13 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; AND

14 (III) ASSIGN A PHYSICIAN MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO SERVE AS A
15 NONVOTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY
16 COMMITTEE.

17 (5) The consumer member:

18 (i) Shall be a member of the general public;

19 (ii) May not be a physician, former physician, physician assistant,
20 or a person in training to become a physician or physician assistant;

21 (iii) May not have a household member who is a physician or
22 physician assistant, or a person in training to become a physician assistant; and

23 (iv) May not have had within 2 years before appointment a
24 substantial financial interest in a process regulated by the Board.

25 (6) Each member of the Committee shall be a resident of the State.

26 (b) [The physician and physician assistant members of the Committee shall:]
27 OF THE THREE PHYSICIAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, TWO SHALL BE
28 CURRENTLY SERVING AS SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS OF A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
29 UNDER A BOARD-APPROVED JOB DESCRIPTION.

30 [(1) (i) Be licensed as a physician under Title 14 of this article; or

31 (ii) Be] (C) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEMBERS SHALL BE
32 certified as a physician assistant under this title; and

33 (2) Have supervised physician assistant practices].

1 (D) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEMBERS SHALL BE CURRENTLY PRACTICING
2 AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR EMPLOYED AS A FACULTY MEMBER OF AN
3 ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM.

4 (E) A COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND A SECRETARY SHALL BE SELECTED
5 EVERY 2 YEARS BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE.

6 (F) THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE
7 BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE.

8 15-203.

9 (a) The Board shall adopt regulations governing:

10 (1) The term of office for Committee members;

11 (2) The procedure for filling vacancies on the Committee;

12 (3) [The appointment of a chairperson and other officers for the
13 Committee;

14 (4)] The removal of Committee members; and

15 [(5)] (4) The duties of each officer.

16 (b) In addition to the regulations on removal of members adopted by the
17 Board, upon the recommendation of the Secretary the Governor may remove a
18 member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Committee
19 meetings without adequate reason.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 1998.