
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2000

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - State Board of Physician Quality Assurance -**
3 **Examination and Licensure Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the State Board of Physician
5 Quality Assurance give examinations to applicants at certain times and places;
6 altering the provision relating to an applicant being entitled to sit for a certain
7 examination; repealing the requirement that the Board waive the examination
8 requirements for certain applicants; authorizing the Board to adopt certain
9 regulations; and generally relating to the State Board of Physician Quality
10 Assurance and examination and licensure requirements.

11 BY repealing
12 Article - Health Occupations
13 Section 14-310
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Health Occupations
18 Section 14-311
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Health Occupations**

24 [14-310.

25 (a) (1) An applicant who otherwise qualifies for a license under this title is
26 entitled to be examined as provided in this section.

1 (2) The Board may establish standards for examining qualified medical
2 students before they complete the education requirements of this subtitle.

3 (3) The Board may establish standards and qualifications for individuals
4 not seeking a license to sit for an examination.

5 (b) The Board shall give examinations to applicants at least once a year, at the
6 times and places that the Board determines.

7 (c) The Board shall notify each qualified applicant of the time and place of
8 examination.

9 (d) The Board shall determine the subjects, scope, form, and passing score for
10 examinations given under this subtitle.]

11 14-311.

12 (A) AN APPLICANT WHO OTHERWISE QUALIFIES FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS
13 TITLE IS ENTITLED TO SIT FOR AN EXAMINATION AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS
14 SECTION OR ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

15 [(a)] (B) [Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board shall waive the
16 examination requirements of this subtitle for an] AN applicant [who] SHALL:

17 (1) [Attains] ATTAIN on the federation licensing examination or the
18 United States Medical Licensing Examination a passing score as set by the Board
19 under its rules and regulations; or

20 (2) [Holds] HOLD a certificate of proficiency and professional standing
21 of:

22 (i) The National Board of Medical Examiners;

23 (ii) The board of medical examiners of THIS STATE OR ANY
24 [another] OTHER state that was issued before January 1, 1985;

25 (iii) The National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians
26 and Surgeons, if the certificate is issued after January 1, 1971; or

27 (iv) The Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada.

28 [(b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if:

29 (1) The applicant pays the application fee required by the Board under §
30 14-309 of this subtitle; and

31 (2) The applicant provides adequate evidence that the applicant meets
32 the qualifications otherwise required by this title.]

33 (C) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT
34 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2000.