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By: **Delegate Pitkin**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Licensing - Medical Students - Pain Management Course**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a medical student who is applying for a license in  
4 Maryland to successfully complete a pain management course approved by the  
5 Board of Physicians Quality Assurance; and generally relating to pain  
6 management courses for medical students.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Health Occupations  
9 Section 14-307(f)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Health Occupations  
14 Section 14-307(f), (g), and (h)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Health Occupations**

20 14-307.

21 (F) THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT EVIDENCE TO THE BOARD OF  
22 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A PAIN MANAGEMENT COURSE APPROVED BY THE  
23 BOARD IN ITS REGULATIONS.

24 [(f)] (G) The applicant shall meet any other qualifications that the Board  
25 establishes in its regulations for license applicants.

26 [(g)] (H) An applicant who has failed the examination or any part of the  
27 examination 3 or more times shall submit evidence of having completed 1 year of

1 additional clinical training in an approved postgraduate training program following  
2 the latest failure.

3        (h)     (1)        The Board shall require as part of its examination or licensing  
4 procedures that an applicant for a license to practice medicine demonstrate an oral  
5 competency in the English language.

6               (2)        Graduation from a recognized English-speaking undergraduate  
7 school or high school, including General Education Development (GED), after at least  
8 3 years of enrollment, or from a recognized English-speaking professional school is  
9 acceptable as proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language  
10 under this section.

11              (3)        By regulation, the Board shall develop a procedure for testing  
12 individuals who because of their speech impairment are unable to complete  
13 satisfactorily a Board approved standardized test of oral competency.

14              (4)        If any disciplinary charges or action that involves a problem with the  
15 oral communication of the English language are brought against a licensee under this  
16 title, the Board shall require the licensee to take and pass a Board approved  
17 standardized test of oral competency.

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