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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Intractable Pain Management Hotline - Board of Physician Quality**
3 **Assurance**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to establish
5 and maintain a toll free hotline to receive calls from certain individuals for
6 certain purposes; requiring the Board to provide certain types of assistance to
7 certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to refer
8 certain calls to certain other regulatory boards; and generally relating to the
9 creation of the Intractable Pain Management Hotline.

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Health Occupations
12 Section 14-509
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Health Occupations**

18 14-509.

19 (A) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A TOLL FREE TELEPHONE
20 HOTLINE TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO SUFFER FROM INTRACTABLE
21 PAIN AND WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PAIN MANAGEMENT REGIMEN OF
22 THEIR LICENSED PHYSICIANS.

23 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ASSIST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS FROM
24 INTRACTABLE PAIN AND WHO CALLS THE HOTLINE BY DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVE
25 PAIN MANAGEMENT REGIMENS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR
26 BY FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO A LICENSED PHYSICIAN
27 WITH A PAIN MANAGEMENT REGIMEN THAT IS MORE APPROPRIATE TO THE NEEDS
28 OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

1 (C) IF THE BOARD RECEIVES A COMPLAINT THAT RELATES TO THE PAIN
2 MANAGEMENT REGIMEN OF A PHARMACIST, A NURSE, OR ANOTHER LICENSED
3 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO IS NOT A PHYSICIAN, THE BOARD SHALL REFER THE
4 CALL TO THE APPROPRIATE LICENSING BOARD.

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