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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 473, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Environmental Matters Committee Amendments (HB0473/640414/1), in line 5 of Amendment No. 1, after “providers;” insert “requiring the State Board of Nursing to create and maintain an individual profile on each nurse practitioner certified by the Board; providing for the contents of the profile; requiring the Board to make the profiles available on written request and on the Internet; requiring the Board to make available to each licensee the licensee’s profile; requiring the Board to provide a reasonable period to correct factual inaccuracies in the profile; providing that the availability of the profile does not otherwise limit the Board’s authority to disclose information otherwise legally required to be disclosed;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, after line 27, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 8-306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5 of the bill, after line 33, insert:

“Article - Health Occupations

8-306.

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(A) An applicant qualifies for certification as a certified nurse practitioner only if the applicant passes a Board-approved examination.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN AN INDIVIDUAL PROFILE ON EACH NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD AGAINST THE NURSE PRACTITIONER WITHIN THE MOST RECENT 10-YEAR PERIOD;

(2) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY FINAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY A LICENSING BOARD IN ANY OTHER STATE OR JURISDICTION AGAINST THE NURSE PRACTITIONER WITHIN THE MOST RECENT 10-YEAR PERIOD;

(3) THE NAME OF ANY SCHOOL PROVIDING ADVANCED MEDICAL TRAINING THAT THE NURSE PRACTITIONER ATTENDED AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE NURSE PRACTITIONER GRADUATED FROM THE SCHOOL;

(4) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION OF THE NURSE PRACTITIONER BY A RECOGNIZED NURSING BOARD;

(5) THE NAME OF ANY HOSPITAL WHERE THE NURSE PRACTITIONER HAS STAFF OR HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES;

(6) THE LOCATION OF THE NURSE PRACTITIONER'S PRIMARY PRACTICE SETTING; AND

(7) WHETHER THE NURSE PRACTITIONER PARTICIPATES IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(C) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE INTERNET LINKS FROM THE BOARD'S INTERNET SITE:

(1) TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE, TO THE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE INTERNET SITE OF EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LICENSED IN THIS STATE WHICH WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO ASCERTAIN THE NAMES OF THE

NURSE PRACTITIONERS AFFILIATED WITH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

(2) TO THE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE INTERNET SITE OF THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION.

(D) THE BOARD:

(1) ON RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A NURSE PRACTITIONER'S PROFILE FROM ANY PERSON, SHALL FORWARD A WRITTEN COPY OF THE PROFILE TO THE PERSON; AND

(2) SHALL MAKE ALL PROFILES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD'S INTERNET SITE.

(E) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, BEFORE MAKING A PROFILE INITIALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) UNLESS THE NURSE PRACTITIONER AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS A COPY OF THE PROFILE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, PROVIDE EACH NURSE PRACTITIONER WITH A WRITTEN COPY OF THE NURSE PRACTITIONER'S PROFILE; AND

(2) PROVIDE A REASONABLE PERIOD FOR THE NURSE PRACTITIONER TO CORRECT ANY FACTUAL INACCURACIES IN THE PROFILE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO A FINAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD AGAINST A NURSE PRACTITIONER IN THE NURSE PRACTITIONER'S PROFILE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE ACTION BECOMES FINAL.

(G) THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE

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INFORMATION OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL
LAW.”.