

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 622  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “University System of Maryland - Practical Masters” and substitute “Institutions of Higher Education - Graduate Professional Certificate”; in line 4, strike “constituent”; in the same line, after the second “of” insert “higher education”; in lines 4 and 5, strike “the University System of Maryland”; in line 5, strike “undergraduate”; in line 7, strike “under certain provisions of law”; in lines 7 and 8, strike “Practical Masters” and substitute “Graduate Professional Certificate”; in line 8, strike “defining certain terms” and substitute “requiring the President of an institution of higher education to notify the institution’s governing board and the Maryland Higher Education Commission of the institution’s intent to establish a Graduate Professional Certificate Program; requiring the Program to be approved and implemented consistent with certain provisions; defining a certain term”; and strike beginning with “Practical” in line 10 down through “Maryland” in line 11 and substitute “Graduate Professional Certificate Program for institutions of higher education”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 10 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:

(1) OFFERS AND AWARDS A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NUMBER OF COURSES REQUIRED BY THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OR STATE LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR BUSINESS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS; AND

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(2) SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS BEYOND THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL FOR LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION.

(B) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH A GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IF THE INSTITUTION OFFERS A DEGREE PROGRAM DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE AREA OF LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION.

(C) (1) THE PRESIDENT OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE COMMISSION OF THE INSTITUTION'S INTENT TO OFFER A GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

(2) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND IMPLEMENTED CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.”.