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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - ~~University System of Maryland~~ - Practical Masters**
3 **Institutions of Higher Education - Graduate Professional Certificate**
4 **Program**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain ~~constituent~~ institutions of higher education
6 ~~the University System of Maryland~~ that offer certain ~~undergraduate~~ degree
7 programs that meet certain educational requirements established by certain
8 licensing or certifying entities ~~under certain provisions of law~~ to establish a
9 **Practical Masters Graduate Professional Certificate Program** under certain
10 circumstances; ~~defining certain terms~~ requiring the President of an institution
11 of higher education to notify the institution's governing board and the Maryland
12 Higher Education Commission of the institution's intent to establish a Graduate
13 Professional Certificate Program; requiring the Program to be approved and
14 implemented consistent with certain provisions; defining a certain term; making
15 this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; and generally relating to
16 the establishment of a ~~Practical Masters Program within the University System~~
17 ~~of Maryland~~ **Graduate Professional Certificate Program for institutions of**
18 **higher education.**

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Education
21 Section 11-206.2
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Education

2 11-206.2.

3 (A) (1) ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
4 ~~INDICATED.~~

5 (2) ~~"EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS" MEANS THE PREREQUISITE~~
6 ~~COURSE OF STUDY, ACADEMIC CREDIT HOURS, AND FORMAL DEGREE AWARDS~~
7 ~~NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE OR~~
8 ~~CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION ESTABLISHED BY A~~
9 ~~LICENSING OR CERTIFYING ENTITY UNDER THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND~~
10 ~~PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.~~

11 (3) ~~"PRACTICAL MASTERS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS~~
12 ~~GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES TO SATISFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS~~
13 ~~BEYOND THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL TO QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE OR~~
14 ~~CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION.~~

15 (B) ~~SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE INSTITUTION'S GOVERNING BOARD~~
16 ~~AS PROVIDED IN § 11-206.1(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF~~
17 ~~THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND THAT OFFERS A COURSE OF~~
18 ~~UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN A DEGREE PROGRAM THAT SATISFIES THE~~
19 ~~EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS UP TO THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL OF A~~
20 ~~PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION, MAY ESTABLISH A PRACTICAL MASTERS PROGRAM.~~

21 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM"
22 MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 2002, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B. 85) of the
3 Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, and if Chapter _____ does not become effective,
4 this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General
5 Assembly.