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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Nursing - Rehabilitation Committee Membership and**
3 **Demonstration Studies**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members on the State Board of Nursing
5 Rehabilitation Committee; requiring that a registered nurse with expertise in
6 pain management be a member of the rehabilitation committee; authorizing the
7 Board to conduct a demonstration study to evaluate certain changes to certain
8 nursing practice regulations; providing for the purpose of demonstration
9 studies; requiring the Board to approve the demonstration study design and to
10 select the testing facilities; authorizing the Board to waive certain requirements
11 during a demonstration study; and generally relating to rehabilitation
12 committee membership and demonstration studies under the State Board of
13 Nursing.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Health Occupations
16 Section 8-208(a) and (b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article - Health Occupations
21 Section 8-208(c)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

24 BY adding to
25 Article - Health Occupations
26 Section 8-510
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Health Occupations**

4 8-208.

5 (a) In this section, "program" means the rehabilitation program.

6 (b) (1) There is a Rehabilitation Committee in the Board.

7 (2) The Board may create 1 or more rehabilitation committees.

8 (c) (1) The Committee shall consist of [5] 6 members.

9 (2) Of the [5] 6 Committee members:

10 (i) 3 shall be licensed registered nurses, who have demonstrated
11 expertise in the field of chemical dependency or psychiatric nursing;

12 (II) 1 SHALL BE A REGISTERED NURSE, WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED
13 EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF PAIN MANAGEMENT;

14 [(ii)] (III) 1 shall be a licensed practical nurse; and

15 [(iii)] (IV) 1 shall be a consumer member, who is knowledgeable in
16 the field of chemical dependency.

17 8-510.

18 (A) THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION STUDY TO EVALUATE A
19 PROPOSED CHANGE TO REGULATIONS REGARDING NURSING PRACTICES OR THE
20 ACTIVITIES OF NURSING ASSISTANTS IN A PRACTICE SETTING.

21 (B) A DEMONSTRATION STUDY ENABLES THE BOARD, IN A CONTROLLED
22 PRACTICE SETTING, TO DETERMINE:

23 (1) THE SAFETY OF THE PROPOSED PRACTICE OR ACTIVITY; AND

24 (2) THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR A
25 PROPOSED PRACTICE OR ACTIVITY.

26 (C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL:

27 (I) APPROVE THE DEMONSTRATION STUDY DESIGN; AND

28 (II) SELECT THE TESTING FACILITIES.

29 (2) THE BOARD MAY WAIVE SELECTED NURSING PRACTICE
30 REQUIREMENTS DURING A DEMONSTRATION STUDY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2004.