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-- Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Nursing - Nursing Assistants and Medication Technicians -**  
3 **~~Certification~~ Miscellaneous Provisions**

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; requiring an individual to be certified by the  
12 State Board of Nursing Board before practicing as a medication technician,  
13 using certain titles, and making certain representations; making ~~a certain~~

1 ~~exception~~ certain exceptions to the requirement for certification as a medication  
 2 technician; requiring the Board to set certain fees relating to the certification of  
 3 medication technicians; ~~requiring certain funds to revert to the General Fund;~~  
 4 requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; establishing certain  
 5 qualifications that an individual must meet to qualify for certain certificates;  
 6 repealing a certain procedure for granting a nursing assistant certificate by  
 7 waiver; establishing procedures for the certification of medication technicians  
 8 and the issuance and renewal of medication technician certificates; altering  
 9 certain requirements for the renewal of a nursing assistant certificate; requiring  
 10 certain certificate holders to notify the Board in a certain manner and within a  
 11 certain time period after a certain change has occurred; authorizing the Board  
 12 to impose a certain administrative penalty on certain certificate holders under  
 13 certain circumstances; requiring the Board to pay certain penalties to the  
 14 General Fund of the State; authorizing the Board to impose a certain fine on a  
 15 certified medication technician; establishing grounds for the denial of a  
 16 medication technician certificate and the discipline of certified medication  
 17 technicians; authorizing the Board to deny, suspend, or revoke certain  
 18 certificates under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to reinstate  
 19 certain certificates under certain circumstances; providing for the surrender of a  
 20 medication technician certificate under certain circumstances; requiring the  
 21 Board's advisory committee to review certain investigations of complaints and  
 22 make certain recommendations for disciplinary action; requiring certain  
 23 individuals to submit to certain examinations under certain circumstances;  
 24 prohibiting a ~~director of nursing person~~ from employing certain individuals  
 25 under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring the Board to  
 26 certify certain medication assistants on or before a certain date; requiring the  
 27 Board to consult with certain groups in developing certain regulations; and  
 28 generally relating to the State Board of Nursing and the certification of nursing  
 29 assistants and medication technicians.

30 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 31 Article - Health Occupations  
 32 Section 8-208(c), 8-6A-01, 8-6A-02(a) and (b), 8-6A-03, 8-6A-04(a), 8-6A-05,  
 33 8-6A-07 through 8-6A-10, 8-6A-12, 8-6A-13(e), and 8-6A-15 to be  
 34 under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Certification of Nursing  
 35 Assistants and Medication Technicians"; and 8-706  
 36 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 37 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

38 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 39 Article - Health Occupations  
 40 Section 8-208(a) and (b) and 8-6A-13(a)  
 41 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 42 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

43 BY adding to  
 44 Article - Health Occupations

1 Section 8-510  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

6 **Article - Health Occupations**

7 8-208.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 8-510.

21 (A) THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION STUDY TO EVALUATE A  
22 PROPOSED CHANGE TO REGULATIONS REGARDING NURSING PRACTICES OR THE  
23 ACTIVITIES OF NURSING ASSISTANTS OR MEDICATION TECHNICIANS IN A PRACTICE  
24 SETTING.

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

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

28 (2) THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION OR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR A  
29 PROPOSED PRACTICE OR ACTIVITY.

30 (C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL:

31 (I) APPROVE THE DEMONSTRATION STUDY DESIGN; AND

1 (II) SELECT THE TESTING FACILITIES.

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

4 Subtitle 6A. Certification of Nursing Assistants AND MEDICATION TECHNICIANS.

5 8-6A-01.

6 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (B) "APPROVED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM" MEANS A  
8 COURSE OF TRAINING APPROVED BY THE BOARD THAT MEETS THE BASIC  
9 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN ~~CURRICULUM PRESCRIBED AND APPROVED BY THE~~  
10 ~~BOARD~~ CORE CURRICULUM AND THE MEDICATION TECHNICIAN CONTENT TRAINING  
11 SPECIFIC TO THE SETTING IN WHICH THE MEDICATION TECHNICIAN WILL WORK.

12 [(b)] (C) "Approved nursing assistant training program" means a course of  
13 training that meets the basic nursing assistant curriculum prescribed and approved  
14 by the Board.

15 [(c)] (D) "Board" means the State Board of Nursing.

16 [(d)] (E) "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the Board to practice as a  
17 certified nursing assistant OR A CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN in the State.

18 (F) "CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

19 (1) ~~HAS COMPLETED A BOARD-APPROVED COURSE IN MEDICATION~~  
20 ~~ADMINISTRATION~~ MEDICATION TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM; AND

21 (2) IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD AS A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

22 [(e)] (G) "Certified medicine aide" means a ~~geriatric~~ CERTIFIED nursing  
23 assistant who has completed a [60-hour, State-approved] BOARD-APPROVED course  
24 in medication administration.

25 [(f)] (H) "Certified nursing assistant":

26 (1) Means an individual regardless of title who routinely performs  
27 nursing tasks delegated by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for  
28 [compensation or satisfies the criteria contained in § 8-6A-05(d) of this subtitle]  
29 COMPENSATION; and

30 (2) Does not include a [medication assistant] CERTIFIED MEDICATION  
31 TECHNICIAN.

32 [(g)] (I) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

1        [(h)]     (J)        "Geriatric nursing assistant" means a certified nursing assistant who  
 2 has successfully completed the requirements for geriatric nursing assistant mandated  
 3 under federal law and the regulations of the Board.

4        [(i)        "Medication assistant" means an individual who has completed the  
 5 16-hour course in medication administration approved by the Board.]

6 8-6A-02.

7        (a)        Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an individual shall be  
 8 certified by the Board to practice as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN  
 9 before the individual may practice as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION  
 10 TECHNICIAN in the State.

11        (b)        This subtitle does not apply to an individual who:

12                (1)        Practices a health occupation that the individual is authorized to  
 13 practice under this article;

14                (2)        Provides for the gratuitous care of friends or family members;

15                (3)        Performs nursing assistant tasks while a nursing student enrolled in  
 16 an accredited nursing program and practicing under the direct supervision of  
 17 qualified faculty or preceptors; [or]

18                (4)        Performs nursing assistant tasks as a student while:

19                        (i)        Enrolled in a Board approved nursing assistant training  
 20 program;

21                        (ii)       Practicing under the direct supervision of qualified faculty or  
 22 preceptors; or

23                        (iii)       Practicing under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse while  
 24 working as a nursing assistant; ~~OR~~

25                (5)        PERFORMS MEDICATION TECHNICIAN TASKS AS A STUDENT WHILE  
 26 PRACTICING UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF QUALIFIED FACULTY; OR

27                (6)        WORKS AS A PRINCIPAL OR SCHOOL SECRETARY, DOES NOT  
 28 ADMINISTER MEDICATION AS A ROUTINE PART OF THE POSITION, AND HAS  
 29 COMPLETED TRAINING BY THE DELEGATING NURSE FOR THE OCCASION WHERE THE  
 30 INDIVIDUAL MAY NEED TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION IN THE ABSENCE OF THE  
 31 NURSE OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

32 8-6A-03.

33        (a)        An individual shall be certified as a nursing assistant by the Board before  
 34 the individual may:

35                (1)        Use the title "certified nursing assistant";

1 (2) Use the initials "C.N.A." after the name of the individual; or

2 (3) Represent to the public that the individual is certified as a nursing  
3 assistant.

4 (b) [A medication assistant shall be required to register with the Board.] AN  
5 INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN BY THE BOARD  
6 BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY:

7 (1) USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN";

8 (2) USE THE INITIALS "C.M.T." AFTER THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL; OR

9 (3) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS CERTIFIED AS  
10 A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

11 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PRACTICE, ATTEMPT TO PRACTICE, OR OFFER  
12 TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN WITHOUT CERTIFICATION  
13 FROM THE BOARD.

14 8-6A-04.

15 (a) (1) The Board shall set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of  
16 certificates and other services it provides to certified nursing assistants AND  
17 CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIANS.

18 (2) The fees charged shall be set to produce funds to approximate the  
19 cost of maintaining the certification program and the other services provided to  
20 certified nursing assistants AND CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIANS.

21 ~~(3) ANY FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS~~  
22 ~~SUBSECTION THAT ARE UNEXPENDED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL~~  
23 ~~REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.~~

24 8-6A-05.

25 (a) The Board shall adopt regulations establishing:

26 (1) Categories of certified nursing assistants, including geriatric nursing  
27 assistants, home health aides, school health aides, dialysis technicians, individuals  
28 working in developmental disabilities administration facilities, and medicine aides;

29 (2) Qualifications for each category of certified nursing assistant; [and]

30 (3) QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIANS; AND

31 [(3)] (4) Standards for qualification of applicants for certification,  
32 including the applicant's criminal history, work record, and prohibitions against  
33 behavior which may be potentially harmful to patients.

1 (b) To qualify for certification as a nursing [assistant or] ASSISTANT, a  
2 nursing assistant in a specific category, OR A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, an applicant  
3 shall meet the requirements set by the Board.

4 (c) (1) An applicant for a certificate shall:

5 (i) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board  
6 requires;

7 (ii) Provide evidence, as required by the Board, of successful  
8 completion of an approved nursing assistant training program OR AN APPROVED  
9 COURSE IN MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION;

10 (iii) Pay to the Board an application fee set by the Board; [and]

11 (iv) Be of good moral character; ~~AND~~

12 (V) BE AT LEAST ~~18~~ 16 YEARS OLD TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION  
13 AS A NURSING ASSISTANT; AND

14 (VI) BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A  
15 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

16 (2) An applicant for certification as a certified medicine aide, in addition  
17 to the requirements under subsection (c)(1) of this section, shall submit an additional  
18 application to that effect to the Board on the form that the Board requires.

19 (3) An applicant for a certificate may not:

20 (i) Have committed any act or omission that would be grounds for  
21 discipline or denial of certification under this subtitle; and

22 (ii) Have a record of abuse, negligence, misappropriation of a  
23 resident's property, or any disciplinary action taken or pending in any other state or  
24 territory of the United States against the certification of the nursing assistant OR  
25 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN in the state or territory.

26 [(d) The Board shall waive the requirement for successful completion of an  
27 approved nursing assistant training program under subsection (c) of this section for  
28 any applicant who applies for certification under this subtitle by July 1, 2002 and  
29 submits evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

30 (1) Holds current registration in good standing as a geriatric nursing  
31 assistant in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department under §  
32 19-308.1 of the Health - General Article; or

33 (2) In the last 2 years has practiced for at least 1,000 hours as a nursing  
34 assistant.]

1 8-6A-07.

2 (a) The Board shall issue a certificate to any applicant who meets the  
3 requirements of this subtitle.

4 (b) The certificate OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS  
5 FOR A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT shall include the title "certified nursing  
6 assistant".

7 (c) The certificate of an individual who routinely performs nursing tasks  
8 delegated by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for compensation and has  
9 also completed [the 60-hour, State-approved] A BOARD-APPROVED course in  
10 medication administration shall also include the title "certified medicine aide".

11 (D) THE CERTIFICATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS  
12 FOR A CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN SHALL INCLUDE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED  
13 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN".

14 [(d)] (E) The Board may issue a certificate to replace a lost, destroyed, or  
15 mutilated certificate, if the certificate holder pays the certificate replacement fee set  
16 by the Board.

17 8-6A-08.

18 (a) A certificate expires on the 28th day of the birth month of the nursing  
19 assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, unless the certificate is renewed for a 2-year  
20 term as provided in this section.

21 (b) At least 3 months before the certificate expires, the Board shall send to the  
22 nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, by first-class mail to the last known  
23 address of the nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, a renewal notice that  
24 states:

25 (1) The date on which the current certificate expires;

26 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the  
27 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and

28 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

29 (c) Before a certificate expires, [the] A nursing assistant periodically may  
30 renew it for an additional term, if the certificate holder:

31 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be certified;

32 (2) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the  
33 Board requires;

34 (3) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and

35 (4) Provides satisfactory evidence of completion of:



1 (i) [8] 16 hours of active nursing assistant practice within the  
2 [1-year] 2-YEAR period immediately preceding the date of renewal; or

3 (ii) An approved nursing assistant training program.

4 (D) BEFORE A CERTIFICATE EXPIRES, A MEDICATION TECHNICIAN  
5 PERIODICALLY MAY RENEW IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM, IF THE CERTIFICATE  
6 HOLDER:

7 (1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE CERTIFIED;

8 (2) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM  
9 THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES;

10 (3) PAYS TO THE BOARD A RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND

11 (4) EVERY 2 YEARS, PROVIDES SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF  
12 COMPLETION OF A BOARD-APPROVED CLINICAL REFRESHER COURSE.

13 [(d)] (E) The Board shall renew the certificate of each nursing assistant OR  
14 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN who meets the requirements of this section.

15 (F) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER A CHANGE HAS OCCURRED, EACH  
16 CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE IN A  
17 NAME OR ADDRESS.

18 (2) IF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER FAILS TO NOTIFY THE BOARD WITHIN  
19 THE TIME REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE AN  
20 ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY OF \$25 ON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

21 (G) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS  
22 SUBSECTION TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

23 8-6A-09.

24 (a) The Board may impose a civil fine not exceeding \$50 on a certified nursing  
25 assistant OR A CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN who fails to renew a certificate  
26 within 30 days after its expiration date and practices as a certified nursing assistant  
27 OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN during the period of expiration.

28 (b) The Board shall pay any penalty collected under this section to the General  
29 Fund of the State.

30 8-6A-10.

31 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8-317 of this title, the Board may  
32 deny a certificate or issue a probationary certificate to any applicant, reprimand any  
33 certificate holder, place any certificate holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the  
34 certificate of a certificate holder, if the applicant or certificate holder:

- 1 (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a  
2 certificate for the applicant or for another;
- 3 (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a certificate;
- 4 (3) Is disciplined by a licensing, military, or disciplinary authority in this  
5 State or in any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court in this  
6 State or in any other state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary  
7 action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;
- 8 (4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a  
9 crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is  
10 pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;
- 11 (5) Files a false report or record of an individual under the certificate  
12 holder's care;
- 13 (6) Gives any false or misleading information about a material matter in  
14 an employment application;
- 15 (7) Fails to file or record any health record that is required by law;
- 16 (8) Induces another person to fail to file or record any health record that  
17 is required by law;
- 18 (9) Has violated any order, rule, or regulation of the Board relating to the  
19 practice or certification of a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN;
- 20 (10) Provides services as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION  
21 TECHNICIAN while:
  - 22 (i) Under the influence of alcohol; or
  - 23 (ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as  
24 defined in § 5-101 of the Criminal Law Article, or other drug that is in excess of  
25 therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication;
- 26 (11) Is habitually intoxicated;
- 27 (12) Is addicted to, or habitually abuses, any narcotic or controlled  
28 dangerous substance as defined in § 5-101 of the Criminal Law Article;
- 29 (13) Has acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of a  
30 person under the applicant or certificate holder's care;
- 31 (14) Has practiced as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN in  
32 a manner which fails to meet generally accepted standards for the practice of a  
33 nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN;
- 34 (15) Has physically, verbally, or psychologically abused, neglected, or  
35 otherwise harmed a person under the applicant or certificate holder's care;

- 1           (16)    Has a physical or mental disability which renders the applicant or  
2 certificate holder unable to practice as a certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED  
3 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN with reasonable skill and safety to the patients and which  
4 may endanger the health or safety of persons under the care of the applicant or  
5 certificate holder;
- 6           (17)    Has violated the confidentiality of information or knowledge as  
7 prescribed by law concerning any patient;
- 8           (18)    Has misappropriated patient or facility property;
- 9           (19)    Performs certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION  
10 TECHNICIAN functions incompetently;
- 11          (20)    Has violated any provision of this title or has aided or knowingly  
12 permitted any person to violate any provision of this title;
- 13          (21)    Submits a false statement to collect a fee;
- 14          (22)    Refuses, withholds from, denies, or discriminates against an  
15 individual with regard to the provision of professional services for which the applicant  
16 or certificate holder is certified and qualified to render because the individual is HIV  
17 positive;
- 18          (23)    Except in an emergency life-threatening situation where it is not  
19 feasible or practicable, fails to comply with the Centers for Disease Control's  
20 guidelines on universal precautions;
- 21          (24)    Fails to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the  
22 Board;
- 23          (25)    Fails to comply with instructions and directions of the supervising  
24 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;
- 25          (26)    After failing to renew a certificate, commits any act that would be  
26 grounds for disciplinary action under this section;
- 27          (27)    Practices as a nursing assistant OR MEDICATION TECHNICIAN before  
28 obtaining or renewing the certificate, including any time period when the certificate  
29 has lapsed;
- 30          (28)    Impersonates another individual:
- 31               (i)     Licensed under the provisions of this title; or
- 32               (ii)    Who holds a certificate issued under the provisions of this title;
- 33          (29)    Has acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of a  
34 person under the certified nursing assistant's OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION  
35 TECHNICIAN'S care;

1 (30) Performs activities that exceed the education and training of the  
2 certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION technician;

3 (31) Is expelled from the rehabilitation program established pursuant to §  
4 8-208 of this title for failure to comply with the conditions of the program; ~~or~~

5 (32) Abandons a patient; OR

6 (33) IS A DIRECTOR OF NURSING, OR ACTS IN THE CAPACITY OF A  
7 DIRECTOR OF NURSING AND KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT  
8 AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM DELEGATED NURSING DUTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

9 (b) If, after a hearing under § 8-317 of this title, the Board finds that there  
10 are grounds under subsection (a) of this section to suspend or revoke a certificate to  
11 practice as a certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, to  
12 reprimand a certificate holder, or place a certificate holder on probation, the Board  
13 may impose a penalty not exceeding \$500 instead of or in addition to suspending or  
14 revoking the certificate, reprimanding the certificate holder, or placing the certificate  
15 holder on probation.

16 (c) (1) An individual whose certificate has been suspended or revoked by the  
17 Board shall return the certificate to the Board.

18 (2) If the suspended or revoked certificate has been lost, the individual  
19 shall file with the Board a verified statement to that effect.

20 (d) The Board shall file a notice for publication in the earliest publication of  
21 the Maryland Register of each revocation or suspension of a certificate under this  
22 section within 24 hours of the revocation or suspension.

23 (E) IF A CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS SUSPENDED OR  
24 REVOKED FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 YEAR, THE BOARD MAY REINSTATE THE  
25 CERTIFICATE AFTER 1 YEAR IF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER MEETS THE  
26 REQUIREMENTS FOR REINSTATEMENT AS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD IN  
27 REGULATIONS.

28 8-6A-12.

29 (a) Unless the Board agrees to accept the surrender of a certificate, a certified  
30 nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN may not surrender the  
31 certificate nor may the certificate lapse by operation of law while the certificate  
32 holder is under investigation or while charges are pending against the certified  
33 nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

34 (b) The Board may set conditions on its agreement with the certified nursing  
35 assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN under investigation or against  
36 whom charges are pending to accept surrender of the certificate.

1 8-6A-13.

2 (a) The Board shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of at least 13  
3 members appointed by the Board.

4 (e) The advisory committee shall:

5 (1) Evaluate training programs and make recommendations for approval  
6 by the Board;

7 (2) Develop and recommend regulations to enforce the provisions of this  
8 subtitle;

9 (3) Evaluate candidates as required and recommend action to the Board;

10 (4) Review investigations of complaints against nursing assistants OR  
11 MEDICATION TECHNICIANS and make recommendations to the Board for disciplinary  
12 action;

13 (5) Keep a record of its proceedings; and

14 (6) Submit an annual report to the Board.

15 8-6A-15.

16 (a) If, during the investigation of an allegation brought against a certified  
17 nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN under this subtitle, the  
18 Board has reason to believe that the certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED  
19 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN may cause harm to a person affected by the practice of the  
20 certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, the Board, on  
21 its own initiative, shall direct the certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED  
22 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN to submit to an appropriate examination by a health care  
23 provider designated by the Board.

24 (b) In return for the privilege given to a certified nursing assistant OR  
25 CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN to practice in the State, the certified nursing  
26 assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN is deemed to have:

27 (1) Consented to submit to an examination under this section if  
28 requested by the Board in writing; and

29 (2) Waived any legal claim of privilege as to the testimony or  
30 examination reports of the examining health care provider.

31 (c) The failure or refusal of a certified nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED  
32 MEDICATION TECHNICIAN to submit to an examination required under subsection (b)  
33 of this section is prima facie evidence of the inability of the certified nursing assistant  
34 OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN to competently practice as a certified  
35 nursing assistant OR CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN, unless the Board finds

1 that the failure or refusal was beyond the control of the certified nursing assistant OR  
2 CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN.

3 (d) The Board shall pay the cost of any examination made in accordance with  
4 the provisions of this section.

5 8-706.

6 (a) A person may not knowingly employ to practice registered nursing any  
7 person who is not authorized to practice registered nursing under this title.

8 (b) A person may not knowingly employ to practice licensed practical nursing  
9 any person who is not authorized to practice licensed practical nursing under this  
10 subtitle.

11 (C) ~~A DIRECTOR OF NURSING PERSON~~ MAY NOT KNOWINGLY EMPLOY ANY  
12 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM DELEGATED NURSING DUTIES  
13 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of  
15 Nursing shall certify all medication assistants listed on the registry for medication  
16 assistants on or before October 1, 2004, as medication technicians under this Act.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of  
18 Nursing shall consult with any group that expresses an interest in being included in  
19 developing regulations to implement this Act.

20 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2004.