

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Hollinger**
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 Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State of Emergency - Health Care Practitioners - Credentialing Programs**
 3 **for Emergency Preparedness**

4 FOR the purpose of including certain emergency preparedness credentialing
 5 programs among the training programs that the Governor is authorized to
 6 institute in the event of a state of emergency; and generally relating to
 7 emergency preparedness credentialing programs for health care practitioners
 8 during a state of emergency.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 10 Article - Public Safety
 11 Section 14-101(c) and (f) and 14-107(a)(1)
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
 13 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 15 Article - Public Safety
 16 Section 14-106(b)(3)
 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
 18 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Public Safety**

22 14-101.

23 (c) "Emergency" means the threat or occurrence of:

24 (1) a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water,
 25 tidal wave, earthquake, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, and
 26 any other disaster in any part of the State that requires State assistance to
 27 supplement local efforts in order to save lives and protect public health and safety; or

1 (2) an enemy attack, act of terrorism, or public health catastrophe.

2 (f) "MEMA" means the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

3 14-106.

4 (b) In performing duties under this subtitle, the Governor:

5 (3) may authorize the procurement of supplies and equipment, [and] the
6 institution of training programs INCLUDING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
7 CREDENTIALING PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS LICENSED IN THE
8 STATE AND IN OTHER STATES, [and] public information programs, and other steps to
9 prepare for an emergency;

10 14-107.

11 (a) (1) If the Governor finds that an emergency has developed or is
12 impending due to any cause, the Governor shall declare a state of emergency by
13 executive order or proclamation.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2006.