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

| Introdu | uced by Senator Conway | |
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| | Read and Examined by Proofreaders: | |
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| | with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this day of at o'clock,M. | Proofreader. |
| | | President. |
| | CHAPTER | |
| 1 AN | N ACT concerning | |
| 2 3 | Health Occupations - State Board of Nursing - Criminal History Records Checks | |
| 4 FO 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 | OR the purpose of requiring certain applicants for licensure or certification by the State Board of Nursing to submit to a certain criminal history records check; requiring certain applicants to submit certain fingerprints and certain fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services under certain circumstances; requiring the Central Repository to forward certain information to the Board and to certain applicants; providing that certain information is confidential and may only be used for certain purposes; authorizing certain subjects to contest certain contents of certain printed statements; requiring certain applicants for licensure or certification to submit certain evidence to the Board; requiring the Board to consider certain facts and circumstances in determining whether to grant or renew certain licenses or certificates; prohibiting the Board from issuing certain licenses or certificates if certain criminal history record information has not been received; requiring certain criminal history records | |

| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 | checks as a condition of certain licensure renewal and certain certificate renewal on or before a certain date requiring the Board to begin a process of requiring certain criminal history records checks as a condition of certain licensure renewal and certain certificate renewal as determined by certain regulations; requiring prohibiting requiring the Board to revoke from issuing to revoke certain temporary licenses or certificates if certain criminal history record information reveals that certain applicants or licensees pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to acts that would constitute certain violations of the law in this State; authorizing the Board to deny certain licenses or certificates, grant certain probationary licenses, or reprimand, suspend, revoke, or place on probation certain licensees or certificate holders for the failure to submit to certain criminal history records checks; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the requirement for a criminal history records check by the State Board of Nursing. |
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| | BY renumbering |
| 16 17 | Article - Health Occupations |
| 18 | Section 8-316(a)(32) and (33), 8-6A-10(a)(32) and (33), and 8-6B-18(a)(26) and (27), respectively |
| 19 | to be Section 8-316(a)(33) and (34), 8-6A-10(a)(33) and (34), and |
| 20 | 8-6B-18(a)(27) and (28), respectively |
| 21 | Annotated Code of Maryland |
| 22 | (2005 Replacement Volume) |
| 22 | (2003 Replacement Volume) |
| 23 | BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, |
| 24 | Article - Health Occupations |
| 25 | Section 8-302(a), 8-304, 8-308(a), 8-312(e)(1), 8-315(a), 8-6A-05(e)(1) |
| 26 | 8-6A-05(c), 8-6A-07(a), 8-6A-08(f), 8-6B-08(a), 8-6B-09(a), 8-6B-12(a), |
| 27 | and 8-6B-14(f) |
| 28 | Annotated Code of Maryland |
| 29 | (2005 Replacement Volume) |
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| 30 | BY adding to |
| 31 | Article - Health Occupations |
| 32 | Section 8-303, 8-308(c), 8-312(f), 8-315(e), 8-316(a)(32), 8-6A-07(g), |
| 33 | 8-6A-08(i), 8-6A-10(a)(32), 8-6B-12(c), 8-6B-14(j), and 8-6B-18(a)(26) |
| 34 | Annotated Code of Maryland |
| 35 | (2005 Replacement Volume) |
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| 36 | SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF |
| | MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8-316(a)(32) and (33), 8-6A-10(a)(32) and (33), and |
| | 8-6B-18(a)(26) and (27), respectively, of Article - Health Occupations of the |
| | Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8-316(a)(33) and (34), |
| 40 | 8-6A-10(a)(33) and (34), and 8-6B-18(a)(27) and (28), respectively. |

- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland 2 read as follows:
- 3 Article Health Occupations
- 4 8-302.
- 5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, to qualify for a license or
- 6 certification, an applicant shall be an individual who SUBMITS TO A CRIMINAL
- 7 HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND
- 8 meets the requirements of this section.
- 9 8-303.
- 10 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CENTRAL REPOSITORY" MEANS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- 11 INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
- 12 SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.
- 13 (B) AS PART OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR A STATE
- 14 AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK, AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT
- 15 TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY:
- 16 (1) TWO COMPLETE SETS OF LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS TAKEN ON FORMS
- 17 APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF
- 18 THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:
- 19 (2) THE FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER § 10-221(B)(7) OF THE CRIMINAL
- 20 PROCEDURE ARTICLE FOR ACCESS TO STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; AND
- 21 (3) THE PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
- 22 INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.
- 23 (C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 10-201 THROUGH 10-228 OF THE CRIMINAL
- 24 PROCEDURE ARTICLE, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL FORWARD TO THE BOARD
- 25 AND TO THE APPLICANT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF THE
- 26 APPLICANT.
- 27 (D) INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY UNDER THIS
- 28 SECTION SHALL BE:
- 29 (1) CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE REDISSEMINATED; AND
- 30 (2) USED ONLY FOR THE LICENSING PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS
- 31 TITLE.
- 32 (E) THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK UNDER THIS
- 33 SECTION MAY CONTEST THE CONTENTS OF THE PRINTED STATEMENT ISSUED BY
- 34 THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED IN § 10-223 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
- 35 ARTICLE.

1 8-304.

2 To apply for a license to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing, 3 an applicant shall: SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN (1) (I) 5 ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR HAVE COMPLETED A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN 6 ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE THROUGH ANOTHER STATE BOARD OF NURSING WITHIN THE 5 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION; 9 (2) Submit to the Board: 10 (i) An application on the form that the Board requires; [and] 11 (II) WRITTEN, VERIFIED EVIDENCE THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF 12 ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS BEING MET OR HAS BEEN MET; AND 13 (III)Written, verified evidence of completion of the appropriate [(ii)]14 education requirements of § 8-302 of this subtitle; and 15 [(2)]Pay to the Board the application fee set by the Board. (3) 16 8-308. 17 (a) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE Board shall 18 issue the appropriate license to any applicant who meets the requirements for a 19 license as: 20 (1) A registered nurse under this title; and 21 A licensed practical nurse under this title. (2) 22 ON RECEIPT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF (C) (1) 23 AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FORWARDED TO THE BOARD IN 24 ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO 25 GRANT A LICENSE OR A CERTIFICATE, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER: 26 (I) THE AGE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED; 27 (II)THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME; 28 (III) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE CRIME; 29 SUBSEQUENT WORK HISTORY; (IV) 30 (V) EMPLOYMENT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES; AND OTHER EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE APPLICANT 31 (VI) 32 DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.

| | | | Y RECO | DARD MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE OR A CERTIFICATE IF THE DRD INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER § 8-303 OF THIS RECEIVED. |
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| 4 | 8-312. | | | |
| 5 6 | ` / ' | | | UBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE Board licensee who meets the requirements of this section. |
| 9 10 11 12 | TO A CRIMIT SUBTITLE A ADDITIONA BOARD SHA ON SELECT | S A CO L CRIN LL BE ED ANI | NDITIO 41NAL H GIN A P NUAL R | BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2008, A LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8 303 OF THIS ON OF LICENSE RENEWAL AND SHALL SUBMIT TO AN HISTORY RECORDS CHECK BEGINNING JANUARY 2008, THE PROCESS REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS ENEWAL APPLICANTS AS DETERMINED BY REGULATIONS OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE. |
| 14 15 | | MED E | | AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK SHALL 9 YEARS THEREAFTER. |
| 18 | A LICENSEE | FORW | ARDED | CEIPT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF D TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS NG WHETHER TO RENEW A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL |
| 20 | | | (I) | THE AGE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED; |
| 21 | | | (II) | THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME; |
| 22 | | | (III) | THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE CRIME; |
| 23 | | | (IV) | SUBSEQUENT WORK HISTORY; |
| 24 | | | (V) | EMPLOYMENT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES; AND |
| 25 26 | DOES NOT I | POSE A | (VI) THREA | OTHER EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE LICENSEE TTO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY. |
| | | (3) FORM <i>A</i> | | DARD MAY NOT RENEW A LICENSE IF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY REQUIRED UNDER § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS NOT BEEN |
| 30 | 8-315. | | | |
| 31 | (a) T | Гhe Boa | rd may is | ssue a temporary license to any applicant who: |
| 32 33 | | (1) ICE WI | | TS TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN 03 OF THIS SUBTITLE; |
| 34 | (| (2) | Is license | sed by any other state; and |
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Be of good moral character;

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| 1 2 | nursing assistant; and | [(v)] | (VII) | Be at least 16 years old to apply for certification as a |
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| 3 | medication technician. | [(vi)] | (VIII) | Be at least 18 years old to apply for certification as a |
| | | | | ARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPLICANT IED NURSING ASSISTANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE |
| 8 9 | WITH § 8-303 OF TH | | <u>1.</u> E; OR | A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE |
| 12 | | N ACCO NURSIN | ORDANC | EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY E WITH § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE THROUGH ANOTHER IN THE 5 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF |
| | | | | E FORM REQUIRED BY THE BOARD, WRITTEN, VERIFIED ENT OF ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS BEING MET |
| | | ments ur | der subs | cant for certification as a certified medicine aide, in ection (c)(1) of this section, shall submit an he Board on the form that the Board requires. |
| 20 | <u>[(3)]</u> | <u>(4)</u> | An appli | cant for a certificate may not: |
| 21 22 | discipline or denial of | | | mmitted any act or omission that would be grounds for er this subtitle; and |
| 25 | resident's property, or territory of the United | any disc States a | iplinary a gainst the | ecord of abuse, negligence, misappropriation of a action taken or pending in any other state or ecertification of the nursing assistant or |
| | medication technician 8-6A-07. | in the st | ate or teri | ritory. |
| 28 | (a) [The] SU | | | SECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION, THE Board shall meets the requirements of this subtitle. |
| 32 33 | AN APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANT FORWA | R A CEF ARDED | TIFICAT TO THE | F THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF TE CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED NURSING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS ER TO GRANT A CERTIFICATE, THE BOARD SHALL |
| 35 | | (I) | THE AG | EE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED; |
| 36 | | (II) | THE CIF | RCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME; |

34 CERTIFICATE HOLDER DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR

35 SAFETY.

| | (3) THE BOARD MAY NOT RENEW A CERTIFICATE IF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. | | | | |
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| 4 | 8-6A-10. | | | | |
| 7 | (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8-317 of this title, the Board may deny a certificate or issue a probationary certificate to any applicant, reprimand any certificate holder, place any certificate holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the certificate of a certificate holder, if the applicant or certificate holder: | | | | |
| | (32) FAILS TO SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE <u>AS REQUIRED UNDER § 8-6A-05(C)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE</u> ; | | | | |
| 12 | 8-6B-08. | | | | |
| | To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who SUBMITS TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE AND meets the requirements of this section. | | | | |
| 16 | 8-6B-09. | | | | |
| 17 | (a) | To apply | y for a lic | ense, an | applicant shall: |
| 18 19 | SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE; | | | | |
| 20 | | (2) | Submit | to the Bo | ard: |
| 21 | | | (i) | An appl | ication on the form that the Board requires; [and] |
| 22 23 | ITEM (1) O | F THIS S | (II) SUBSEC | | EN, VERIFIED EVIDENCE THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF BEING MET; AND |
| 24 25 | 8-6B-08 of t | this subti | [(ii)] tle; and | (III) | Evidence of compliance with the requirements of § |
| 26 | | [(2)] | (3) | Pay to the | he Board a fee set by the Board. |
| 27 | 8-6B-12. | | | | |
| 28 29 | (a) issue a licen | | | | SECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE Board shall |
| 30 | | (1) | Meets th | ne require | ements of this subtitle; and |
| 31 | | (2) | Pays a li | cense fee | e set by the Board. |
| 32 33 | (C) AN APPLIC | (1) CANT FO | | | F THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF FORWARDED TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § |

| 1 8-303 OF THIS TITLE, IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO GRANT A LICENSE, THE BOARD 2 SHALL CONSIDER: | | | | | | |
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| 3 | (I) | THE AGE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED; | | | | |
| 4 | (II) | THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME; | | | | |
| 5 | (III) | THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE CRIME; | | | | |
| 6 | (IV) | SUBSEQUENT WORK HISTORY; | | | | |
| 7 | (V) | EMPLOYMENT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES; AND | | | | |
| 8 9 DOES NOT POSE A | (VI) THREA | OTHER EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE APPLICANT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY. | | | | |
| 10 (2) 11 RECORD INFORMA 12 RECEIVED. | | DARD MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE IF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY EQUIRED UNDER § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE HAS NOT BEEN | | | | |
| 13 8-6B-14. | | | | | | |
| 14 (f) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION, THE Board shall 15 renew the license of each licensee who meets the requirements of this section. | | | | | | |
| 18 TITLE AS A CONDI19 ADDITIONAL CRIM20 BOARD SHALL BE21 ON SELECTED AND | ITION O MINAL I GIN A P NUAL R | BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2008, A LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8 303 OF THIS F LICENSE RENEWAL AND SHALL SUBMIT TO AN HISTORY RECORDS CHECK BEGINNING JANUARY 2008, THE ROCESS REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS ENEWAL APPLICANTS AS DETERMINED BY REGULATIONS OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE. | | | | |
| 23 24 <u>BE PERFORMED</u> E | (<u>II)</u> VERY 10 | AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK SHALL YEARS THEREAFTER. | | | | |
| 25 (2) ON RECEIPT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION OF 26 A LICENSEE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS 27 TITLE, IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO RENEW A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL 28 CONSIDER: | | | | | | |
| 29 | (I) | THE AGE AT WHICH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED; | | | | |
| 30 | (II) | THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRIME; | | | | |
| 31 | (III) | THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS PASSED SINCE THE CRIME; | | | | |
| 32 | (IV) | SUBSEQUENT WORK HISTORY; | | | | |
| 33 | (V) | EMPLOYMENT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES; AND | | | | |

- 1 (VI) OTHER EVIDENCE THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE LICENSEE 2 DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.
- 3 (3) THE BOARD MAY NOT RENEW A LICENSE IF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY
- 4 RECORD INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE HAS NOT BEEN
- 5 RECEIVED.
- 6 8-6B-18.
- 7 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8-317 of this title and § 8-6B-19 of
- 8 this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to an applicant, grant a probationary
- 9 license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, place a licensee on probation, or
- 10 suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:
- 11 (26) FAILS TO SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN
- 12 ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS TITLE;
- 13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 14 effect October 1, 2006.