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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Cultural Competency Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
4 convene a certain workgroup; requiring each health occupations board within  
5 the Department to develop certain recommendations for requiring individuals  
6 licensed by the health occupations boards of the Department to receive  
7 instruction in cultural competency; requiring the workgroup to make  
8 recommendations and to review certain curriculum modules; providing for the  
9 staffing of the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to make a certain report to  
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
12 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a workgroup on cultural  
13 competency.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a  
17 workgroup consisting of representatives from each health occupations board and the  
18 Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Each health occupations board shall develop recommendations for  
2 requiring individuals licensed by the board to receive instruction in cultural  
3 competency as part of an individual's licensure or renewal of a license.

4 (c) The recommendations shall include:

5 (1) the number of hours of instruction in cultural competency that  
6 should be required according to the licensee subject to the requirement;

7 (2) a time frame for implementing the requirement according to the  
8 licensee subject to the requirement; and

9 (3) whether certain boards or licensees should not be required to  
10 receive instruction in cultural competency, including a justification for the exemption.

11 (d) (1) The workgroup shall make recommendations regarding the  
12 required courses in cultural competency including the types of cultural competency  
13 courses to be approved.

14 (2) The workgroup shall review Cultural Competency Curriculum  
15 Modules (CCCMs) developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'  
16 Office of Minority Health and recommend whether CCCMs should be required for  
17 certain health care providers.

18 (e) The health occupations boards shall provide staff for the workgroup.

19 (f) The workgroup shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and  
20 Environmental Affairs Committee, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, House  
21 Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations  
22 Committee, on or before January 1, 2008, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
23 Government Article, on the recommendations of the workgroup regarding cultural  
24 competency courses and the recommendations of the health occupations boards.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
27 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.