

SENATE BILL 421

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By: **Senator Madaleno**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Notaries Public – Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a notary public complete certain continuing
4 education requirements; establishing that after a certain date a notary must
5 have completed certain records checks and taken certain courses; and generally
6 relating to notary public qualifications.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Government
9 Section 18–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Government**

15 18–102.

16 **(A)** Each individual appointed as a notary public shall:

17 (1) be at least 18 years old;

18 (2) be of good moral character and integrity;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) live or work in the State;

2 (4) if living in the State, be a resident of the senatorial district from
3 which appointed; [and]

4 (5) if living outside the State, be a resident of a state that allows
5 Maryland residents working in that state to serve as notaries public in that state; **AND**

6 **(6) MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AS**
7 **ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

8 **(B) EACH INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS A NOTARY ON OR AFTER**
9 **OCTOBER 1, 2007, SHALL:**

10 **(1) HAVE COMPLETED A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK;**
11 **AND**

12 **(2) HAVE COMPLETED A NOTARY EDUCATION COURSE:**

13 **(I) OFFERED AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;**

14 **(II) OFFERED BY A PROFESSIONAL NOTARY ASSOCIATION;**
15 **OR**

16 **(III) APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2007.