

HOUSE BILL 1500

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations Boards - Investigators - Confidentiality of Medical**
3 **Information and Records**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
5 provide a certain office space to each investigator for a health occupations
6 board; requiring an investigator for a health occupations board to maintain the
7 confidentiality of certain medical information and medical records in accordance
8 with the purposes and requirements of certain State and federal law; and
9 generally relating to the confidentiality of medical information and records by
10 health occupations boards investigators.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Health Occupations
13 Section 1-214
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Health Occupations**

19 **1-214.**

20 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN INDIVIDUAL AND**
21 **SECURABLE OFFICE SPACE TO EACH INVESTIGATOR FOR A HEALTH**
22 **OCCUPATIONS BOARD.**

23 **(B) EACH INVESTIGATOR FOR A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL**
24 **MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL HEALTH CARE INFORMATION AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **MEDICAL RECORDS OBTAINED BY THE INVESTIGATOR IN THE COURSE OF AN**
2 **INVESTIGATION FOR A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
3 **THE PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE**
4 **HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE AND THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE**
5 **PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2008.