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House Bill 697

(Delegate Hubbard)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Health Occupations - State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home
Administrators - Minimum Age Requirement

This bill increases the minimum age for licensure as a nursing home administrator from 18 to 21 years old.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: To qualify for a nursing home administrator license, an applicant has to

- be of good moral character;
- be at least 18 years old;
- and have either a masters degree in health care administration from an accredited college or university *or* a baccalaureate or masters degree in a field other than health care administration from an accredited college or university. In addition, the applicant has to have completed
- at least 100 hours in a course of study in health care administration approved by the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators; and
- an administrator-in-training program approved by the board *or* one year of full-time nursing home administration in a nursing home.

The board can waive any education requirement for an individual who was licensed and practiced as a nursing home administrator for at least three years in another state. Exceptions are also made for an applicant who meets specific education *and* experience requirements.

Background: There are 542 nursing home administrators in Maryland. Given the education and experience requirements, modifying the age requirement would not likely affect any existing licensees or future applicants.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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