

SENATE BILL 634

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By: **Senators Pugh, Glassman, Haines, Klausmeier, and Stone**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Professional Corporations – Professional Services – Multiple Professions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which a corporation may be a
4 professional corporation for the purposes of rendering professional services
5 within two or more professions; specifying the types of multiple professional
6 services that may be rendered by a professional corporation; and generally
7 relating to professional corporations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Corporations and Associations
10 Section 5–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Corporations and Associations**

16 5–102.

17 (a) (1) Except as permitted under subsection (b) of this section, a
18 corporation may be a professional corporation under § 5–112 of this subtitle solely for
19 the purpose of rendering professional services within a single profession.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a
2 corporation that is eligible to be a professional corporation under this subtitle may not
3 organize under any other corporate form permitted by this article.

4 (3) Paragraph (2) of this subsection does not apply to professional
5 services rendered by:

6 (i) An architect;

7 (ii) A professional engineer;

8 (iii) A licensed real estate broker, licensed real estate
9 salesperson, or licensed associate real estate broker; or

10 (iv) A veterinarian.

11 (b) A corporation may be a professional corporation under § 5–112 of this
12 subtitle for the purpose of rendering **THE SAME, SIMILAR, OR RELATED** professional
13 services within 2 or more professions[, if the combination of professional purposes is
14 authorized by the licensing law of the State applicable to each profession in the
15 combination].

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.