

## CHAPTER 88

(Senate Bill 634)

AN ACT concerning

### **Professional Corporations – Professional Services – Multiple Professions**

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

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

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

#### **Article – Corporations and Associations**

5–102.

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

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

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

- (i) An architect;
- (ii) A professional engineer;
- (iii) A licensed real estate broker, licensed real estate salesperson, or licensed associate real estate broker; or

(iv) A veterinarian.

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.**