

# SENATE BILL 357

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By: **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Retirement and Pension System – Medical Board Participation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and  
4 Pension System to appoint a physician who is a participating employee in the  
5 Optional Retirement Program to serve on a medical board, subject to a certain  
6 condition; prohibiting a medical board physician who is a participating  
7 employee in the Optional Retirement Program from participating in certain  
8 cases under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the appointment of  
9 medical boards for the State Retirement and Pension System.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
12 Section 21–126  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

18 21–126.

19 (a) The Board of Trustees shall establish one or more medical boards.

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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 (b) (1) Each medical board consists of three members and not more than  
2 three alternates.

3 (2) Each medical board member and alternate shall be a physician  
4 who is not eligible to be a member of a State system.

5 (3) (I) The Board of Trustees shall appoint the medical board  
6 members and any alternates.

7 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
8 SUBSECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY APPOINT A PHYSICIAN WHO IS A  
9 PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEE IN THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER  
10 TITLE 30 OF THIS ARTICLE TO A MEDICAL BOARD IF THE PHYSICIAN IS NOT  
11 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A DISABILITY BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 29, SUBTITLE 1 OF  
12 THIS ARTICLE.

13 (4) In the absence of a medical board member, an alternate may serve  
14 on a medical board.

15 (c) Two members of a medical board are a quorum for the conduct of  
16 business.

17 (d) A medical board shall:

18 (1) arrange for and approve all medical examinations required under  
19 this Division II;

20 (2) investigate all essential certificates and statements by or on behalf  
21 of a member concerning the application of the member for disability retirement; and

22 (3) submit written reports to the Board of Trustees, with conclusions  
23 and recommendations, on all matters that the Board of Trustees refers to the medical  
24 board.

25 (e) The Board of Trustees may employ other physicians to report on special  
26 cases.

27 (F) A MEMBER OF A MEDICAL BOARD APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION  
28 (B)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CASE CONCERNING THE  
29 APPLICATION OF A MEMBER FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT IF THE APPLICANT IS  
30 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SAME INSTITUTION THAT IS THE EMPLOYING  
31 INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN § 30-101 OF THIS ARTICLE, OF THE MEMBER OF  
32 THE MEDICAL BOARD.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 July 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.