

SENATE BILL 254

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – License Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time period before a license expires by which the
4 Board of Examiners of Psychologists is required to send a renewal notice to a
5 licensee; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to send a renewal
6 notice by electronic means to a certain electronic mail address of a licensee;
7 requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to send a renewal notice to a
8 licensee by first-class mail to a certain address of the licensee; requiring each
9 licensee to notify the Board in writing of any change in address or electronic
10 mail address within a certain number of days after the change occurs; making
11 certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to license renewal by the State
12 Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health Occupations
15 Section 18–309
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 18–309.

22 (a) **(1)** A license expires on the date set by the Board, unless it is renewed
23 for an additional term as provided in this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2)** A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

2 **(b) (1)** At least [1 month] **90 DAYS** before the license expires, the Board
3 shall send A **RENEWAL NOTICE** to the licensee[, by]:

4 **(I)** [first-class] **BY FIRST-CLASS** mail to the last known
5 address of the licensee[, a renewal notice that states:]; **OR**

6 **(II) IF REQUESTED BY THE LICENSEE, BY ELECTRONIC**
7 **MEANS TO THE LAST KNOWN ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE.**

8 **(2) IF A RENEWAL NOTICE SENT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS UNDER**
9 **PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS RETURNED TO THE BOARD AS**
10 **UNDELIVERABLE, THE BOARD SHALL SEND A RENEWAL NOTICE TO THE**
11 **LICENSEE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE**
12 **LICENSEE.**

13 **(C) THE RENEWAL NOTICE SENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
14 **SECTION SHALL STATE:**

15 (1) The date on which the current license expires;

16 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
17 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

18 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

19 **(D) EACH LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING OF ANY**
20 **CHANGE IN THE LICENSEE'S ADDRESS OR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS WITHIN**
21 **30 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE OCCURS.**

22 **[(c) (E)]** Before the license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it
23 for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

24 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

25 (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and

26 (3) Submits to the Board:

27 (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires;
28 and

29 (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing
30 education requirements set under this section for license renewal.

1 **[(d)] (F)** (1) The Board may establish continuing education requirements
2 as a condition to the renewal of licenses under this section.

3 (2) The requirements established under this subsection shall be:

4 (i) Set by the Board as to the amount and type of study
5 required; and

6 (ii) Standard for all licensed psychologists.

7 **[(e)] (G)** The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the
8 requirements of this section.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2013.