

HOUSE BILL 145

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators – Nonlicensed Persons –**
3 **Provisional Licensure**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a nursing home or other appropriate nursing
5 home authority, under certain circumstances, to immediately appoint a nonlicensed
6 person to serve in the capacity of interim, instead of acting, nursing home
7 administrator; authorizing the appointed nonlicensed person to act as the interim
8 nursing home administrator on filing an application with the State Board of
9 Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators requesting a certain provisional license;
10 authorizing the Board to issue a provisional license to a certain applicant if a certain
11 determination is made; providing for the period during which the provisional license
12 remains in effect; providing that if the Board denies an application for a provisional
13 license, the nonlicensed person shall immediately cease acting as the interim nursing
14 home administrator and the owner of the nursing home or other appropriate nursing
15 home authority, under certain circumstances, shall immediately appoint another
16 nonlicensed person to act as the interim nursing home administrator; requiring the
17 nonlicensed person to file an application for a provisional license with the Board;
18 altering the circumstances under which the Board may extend the period during
19 which a certain person may act as an interim nursing home administrator under a
20 provisional license; clarifying language; and generally relating to the licensure of
21 nursing home administrators by the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home
22 Administrators.

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – Health Occupations
25 Section 9–301
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 9–301.

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual shall be licensed
6 by the Board before the individual may practice as a nursing home administrator in this
7 State.

8 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a licensee
9 leaves or is removed from a position as a nursing home administrator by death or for any
10 other unexpected cause, the owner of the nursing home or other appropriate nursing home
11 authority shall immediately:

12 (i) Designate a licensed nursing home administrator to serve in that
13 capacity; and

14 (ii) Notify the Board of the designated licensed nursing home
15 administrator's name.

16 (2) (i) **1.** In the event a **LICENSED** nursing home administrator is
17 not available, the owner or other appropriate nursing home authority [may] **SHALL**
18 **IMMEDIATELY** appoint a nonlicensed person to serve in the capacity of [acting] **INTERIM**
19 nursing home administrator.

20 **2. THE APPOINTED NONLICENSED PERSON MAY ACT AS**
21 **THE INTERIM NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR ON FILING AN APPLICATION WITH**
22 **THE BOARD REQUESTING A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS THE INTERIM**
23 **NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR** for a period not to exceed 90 days.

24 (ii) **1.** The owner or other appropriate nursing home authority
25 shall immediately notify the Board of the appointment and forward the credentials of the
26 person appointed to the Board for evaluation to assure that the person appointed is
27 experienced, trained, and competent.

28 **2. THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO**
29 **THE APPLICANT IF THE BOARD DETERMINES, IN ITS DISCRETION, THAT THE**
30 **APPLICANT IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND CAPABLE OF ADEQUATELY**
31 **ADMINISTERING THE NURSING HOME FOR THE PROVISIONAL PERIOD.**

32 **3. IF THE BOARD DENIES AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED**
33 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH:**

1 **A. THE NONLICENSED PERSON SHALL IMMEDIATELY**
2 **CEASE ACTING AS THE INTERIM NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR; AND**

3 **B. IF A LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR**
4 **REMAINS UNAVAILABLE, THE OWNER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE NURSING HOME**
5 **AUTHORITY SHALL IMMEDIATELY APPOINT ANOTHER NONLICENSED PERSON TO**
6 **ACT AS THE INTERIM NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR.**

7 **4. A PERSON APPOINTED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3**
8 **OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A PROVISIONAL LICENSE**
9 **WITH THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.**

10 (iii) The 90-day period begins on the date that the licensee leaves or
11 is removed from the position as a nursing home administrator.

12 (iv) The Board, **ON REQUEST AND FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN**, may
13 extend the 90-day period for a further period of not more than 30 days.

14 (3) A licensed nursing home administrator designated under paragraph (1)
15 of this subsection shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with §
16 9-302.1 of this subtitle.

17 (4) A person appointed in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection
18 shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 9-302.1 of this
19 subtitle.

20 (5) The Board may deny approval of an appointment under paragraph (1)
21 or (2) of this subsection based on the results of a criminal history records check required
22 under paragraph (3) or (4) of this subsection after consideration of the factors listed in §
23 9-308(b)(1) of this subtitle.

24 (6) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection do not apply to a person
25 licensed by a health occupations board who previously has completed a criminal history
26 records check required for licensure.

27 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
28 **October 1, 2017.**