

HOUSE BILL 253

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By: **Delegates Angel, Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, and Saab**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Nursing – Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses**
3 **– Renewal of Licenses – Continuing Education Units**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for renewing certain licenses by authorizing
5 certain registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to renew a license if the
6 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse submits to the State Board of Nursing
7 certain evidence of completion of a certain number of continuing education units as
8 required by regulations adopted by the Board; and generally relating to the renewal
9 of licenses of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 8–312(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 8–312.

19 (c) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an
20 additional term, if the licensee:

21 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

22 (2) Pays to the Board:

23 (i) A renewal fee set by the Board; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) A renewal fee that is set by the Board if the licensee certifies to
2 the Board that the licensee provides professional services only as a volunteer; and

3 (3) Submits to the Board by paper application or electronic means:

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

5 (ii) Satisfactory evidence of completion of:

6 1. 1,000 hours of active nursing practice within the 5-year
7 period immediately preceding the date of renewal;

8 2. A course of instruction, commonly known as a refresher
9 course, approved by the Board; [or]

10 3. A preceptorship program provided by an employer and
11 approved by the Board; **OR**

12 4. **A MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**
13 **UNITS AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2017.