

# HOUSE BILL 275

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Recommended Courses in Military**  
3 **Culture**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
5 consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide to certain health  
6 occupations boards a list of recommended courses in military culture; and generally  
7 relating to courses in military culture recommended by the Department of Health  
8 and Mental Hygiene.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article – Health Occupations

11 Section 1–801

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Health Occupations

16 Section 1–802

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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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 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 1–801.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (b) “Applicant” means an individual who applies for licensure to practice as a  
7 health care professional.

8 (c) “Board” means:

9 (1) The State Board of Dental Examiners;

10 (2) The State Board of Nursing;

11 (3) The State Board of Examiners in Optometry;

12 (4) The State Board of Pharmacy;

13 (5) The State Board of Physicians;

14 (6) The State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners;

15 (7) The State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists;

16 (8) The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; and

17 (9) The State Board of Social Work Examiners.

18 (d) “Health care professional” means:

19 (1) A dentist licensed by the State Board of Dental Examiners;

20 (2) A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed by the State  
21 Board of Nursing;

22 (3) An optometrist licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Optometry;

23 (4) A pharmacist licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy;

24 (5) A physician licensed by the State Board of Physicians;

25 (6) A podiatrist licensed by the State Board of Podiatric Medical  
26 Examiners;

1 (7) An individual licensed by the State Board of Professional Counselors  
2 and Therapists;

3 (8) A psychologist licensed by the State Board of Examiners of  
4 Psychologists; and

5 (9) An associate social worker, a graduate social worker, a certified social  
6 worker, or a certified social worker–clinical licensed by the State Board of Social Work  
7 Examiners.

8 1–802.

9 (a) (1) The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities shall provide to  
10 each board a list of recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health  
11 disparities, and health literacy.

12 (2) **THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**  
13 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH BOARD A LIST OF RECOMMENDED**  
14 **COURSES IN MILITARY CULTURE.**

15 (b) Each board shall:

16 (1) Post the list of recommended courses provided to the board under  
17 subsection (a) of this section prominently on the board’s Web site;

18 (2) Provide information about the recommended courses to health care  
19 professionals at the time of renewal of licensure; and

20 (3) Advertise the availability of the recommended courses in newsletters  
21 and any other media published by the board.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.