

# HOUSE BILL 1060

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By: **Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, Carozza, Ghrist, Mautz, Otto, and Sample-Hughes**  
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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Meetings and**  
3 **Timeliness of Certification and Licensure Issuance**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the frequency at which the State Board of Professional  
5 Counselors and Therapists is required to meet; requiring the Board, on or before a  
6 certain date, to collaborate with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
7 establish goals for the timeliness of issuing certain certificates and licenses;  
8 requiring the Board to submit certain reports to the Secretary on or before certain  
9 dates; and generally relating to the State Board of Professional Counselors and  
10 Therapists.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Health Occupations  
13 Section 17–101(a) and (e)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Health Occupations  
18 Section 17–204(b)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Health Occupations  
23 Section 17–205(e)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Health Occupations**

17–101.

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

(e) “Board” means the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

17–204.

(b) The Board shall meet at least once a [year] MONTH, at the times and places that it determines.

17–205.

**(E) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, THE BOARD SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE SECRETARY TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE TIMELINESS OF ISSUING CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES UNDER THIS TITLE.**

**(2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.**

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