

# SENATE BILL 503

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By: **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations Boards – Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities –**  
3 **~~Information Campaigns – Reporting~~**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each health occupations board established under the Health  
5 Occupations Article to report an update on the status of certain information  
6 campaigns designed to educate certain individuals regarding racial and ethnic  
7 health disparities to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a  
8 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to racial  
9 and ethnic health disparities.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That, on or before January 1, 2018, each health occupations board established under the  
12 Health Occupations Article shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
13 Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
14 Committee and the House Government Operations Committee an update on the status of  
15 information campaigns and other outreach efforts designed to educate individuals  
16 regulated under the health occupations board regarding:

- 17 (1) reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities;
- 18 (2) improving health literacy;
- 19 (3) improving cultural and linguistic competency; and
- 20 (4) achieving the goal of racial and ethnic health equity.

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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 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
2 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2018, with  
3 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
4 further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.