

## Chapter 623

**(House Bill 253)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

**Article – Health Occupations**

8–312.

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

- (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- (2) Pays to the Board:
  - (i) A renewal fee set by the Board; or
  - (ii) A renewal fee that is set by the Board if the licensee certifies to the Board that the licensee provides professional services only as a volunteer; and
- (3) Submits to the Board by paper application or electronic means:
  - (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and
  - (ii) Satisfactory evidence of completion of:

1. 1,000 hours of active nursing practice within the 5–year period immediately preceding the date of renewal;
2. A course of instruction, commonly known as a refresher course, approved by the Board; [or]
3. A preceptorship program provided by an employer and approved by the Board; **OR**
4. **A MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.**