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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Applications for Renewal of Licenses, Permits,**
3 **Certifications, or Registrations – Available by Mail**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a health occupations board to send by first-class mail a
5 renewal application at the request of a licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or
6 registrant if the health occupations board chooses to send renewal notices or renewed
7 licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations exclusively by e-mail under certain
8 provisions of law; and generally relating to applications for renewal of licenses,
9 permits, certifications, or registrations for health occupations.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 1–220
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 1–220.

19 (a) Each health occupation board may develop a secure electronic system for the
20 distribution of a renewed license, permit, certification, or registration required to be issued
21 under this title.

22 (b) The system shall:

23 (1) Be accessible to the public for the purpose of verification of a current
24 license, permit, certification, or registration; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Provide the licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or registrant the
2 option of printing a verification of the status of their license, permit, certification, or
3 registration.

4 (c) Except as otherwise provided by law, a board that develops and implements a
5 system authorized under subsection (a) of this section shall:

6 (1) Discontinue to send by first-class mail:

7 (i) A renewal notice for a license, permit, certification, or
8 registration; and

9 (ii) A renewed license, permit, certification, or registration;

10 (2) Send by electronic means:

11 (i) A renewal notice for a license, permit, certification, or
12 registration; and

13 (ii) A renewed license, permit, certification, or registration; and

14 (3) Continue to send by first-class mail an initial license, permit,
15 certification, or registration.

16 (d) If a board chooses to send renewal notices or renewed licenses, permits,
17 certifications, or registrations exclusively by electronic mail under subsection (c) of this
18 section, the board shall, on request of the licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or
19 registrant, send by first-class mail:

20 (1) The renewal notice; [or]

21 **(2) THE RENEWAL APPLICATION; OR**

22 **[(2)] (3)** The renewed license, permit, certification, or registration.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2018.