

# SENATE BILL 636

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(0lr2315)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senator Jennings**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts – *Requirements for***  
3 ***Appointment as a Notary Public – Alterations* ~~Delay of Effective Date~~**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the effective date of a certain Act that altered and established~~  
5 ~~certain laws governing notaries public; making a conforming change; providing for~~  
6 ~~the effective date of certain provisions of this Act~~ *altering the date by which initial*  
7 *and renewal applicants to be appointed as notaries public must complete certain*  
8 *requirements; altering the date by which the Secretary of State shall offer a certain*  
9 *course of study and a certain examination; providing for the effective date of this Act;*  
10 and generally relating to notaries public.

11 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
12 ~~Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019~~  
13 ~~Section 5~~

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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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – State Government  
 Section 18–202  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)  
 (As enacted by Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – State Government  
 Section 18–102(a)(4) and (b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)  
 (As enacted by Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)

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

~~Chapter 407 of the Acts of 2019~~

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 October 1, [2020] 2021.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
 as follows:~~

~~Article – State Government~~

~~18–202.~~

~~This subtitle applies only to a notarial act performed on or after October 1, [2020]  
 2021.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
 effect October 1, 2020, the effective date of Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly  
 of 2019. If the effective date of Chapter 407 is amended, Section 2 of this Act shall take  
 effect on the taking effect of Chapter 407.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section  
 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.~~

Article – State Government

18–102.

(a) Subject to § 18–104 of this subtitle, to be appointed as a notary public, an  
 individual must:

1                   (4) (i) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, for an initial applicant, have  
2 completed the course and passed the examination offered under subsection (b) of this section;  
3 or

4                   (ii) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, for a renewal applicant, have  
5 completed the course offered under subsection (b) of this section;

6           (b) (1) [Subject] ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021, SUBJECT to paragraph  
7 (2) of this subsection, the Secretary of State regularly shall offer a course of study and an  
8 examination that cover the laws, regulations, procedures, and ethics relevant to notarial  
9 acts.

10                   (2) The course and examination may be offered through an entity approved  
11 by the Secretary of State.

12                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2020, the effective date of Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019.  
14 If the effective date of Chapter 407 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking effect  
15 of Chapter 407.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.