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Senate Bill 444

(Senator Kelley)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators – Board
Membership

This bill alters provisions relating to requirements to qualify as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators and certain recommendations made by the Secretary of Health regarding appointments to the board. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland Department of Health can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Under current law, the board consists of 14 members. Six members must be licensed nursing home administrators who are actively practicing and have at least five years' experience as a licensed nursing home administrator. The bill repeals the requirement that licensed members be actively practicing and have at least five years' experience.

The remaining board members consist of (1) two individuals engaged in professions concerned with the care of chronically ill, infirm, or aged individuals; (2) one physician or nurse practitioner who specializes in geriatrics; (3) one geriatric social worker; (4) the

State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; and (5) two consumer members. A representative of the Office of Health Care Quality must serve as an *ex officio* member. Except for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the consumer members, the Governor must appoint each board member with the advice of the Secretary of Health.

The Secretary must make each recommendation after consulting with the associations and societies appropriate to the disciplines and professions representative of the vacancy to be filled. The bill repeals this required consultation. Instead, the Secretary must recommend a professional who (1) is actively practicing; (2) has a minimum of five years of appropriate practice experience in the discipline of the vacancy to be filled; and (3) otherwise meets specified requirements.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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