A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Prohibition on Expiration of Licenses, Certificates, Permits, and Registrations

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the licenses, certificates, permits, and registrations issued before a certain date by health occupations boards in accordance with certain provisions of law from expiring and requiring that they remain effective until the Department of Information Technology restores the systems and servers of the applicable health occupations boards that were impacted by the cybersecurity attack on the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department of Information Technology to notify the Department of Legislative Services within a certain number of days after restoring all of the systems and servers of the health occupations boards that were impacted by the cybersecurity attack; and generally relating to the expiration of health occupations licenses, certificates, permits, and registrations.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That:

(a) In this section, “cybersecurity attack” means the December 4, 2021, breach of the Maryland Department of Health’s multinetwork infrastructure systems and servers.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the licenses, certificates, permits, and registrations issued before December 4, 2021, by health occupations boards in accordance with the Health Occupations Article may not expire and shall remain effective until the Department of Information Technology restores the systems and servers of the applicable health occupations boards that were impacted by the cybersecurity attack.

(c) The Department of Information Technology shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after restoring all of the systems and servers of the health occupations boards that were impacted by the cybersecurity attack.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
enacted.