

HOUSE BILL 1241

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By: **Delegate Kelly**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Nursing Home Administrator – Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an exception to the requirement that an individual be
4 licensed by the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators before
5 the individual may practice in this State for a person who holds a license in another
6 state and has certain experience; altering the qualifications for applicants for a
7 license to practice as a nursing home administrator; requiring the State Board of
8 Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to waive certain education
9 requirements for certain individuals who are licensed by another state; and generally
10 relating to nursing home administrators.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 9–301(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Health Occupations
18 Section 9–301(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Health Occupations
23 Section 9–302
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Health Occupations

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2 9–301.

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual shall be licensed
4 by the Board before the individual may practice as a nursing home administrator in this
5 State.

6 (c) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE NURSING HOME**
7 **ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE, IN GOOD STANDING, IN ANOTHER STATE MAY PRACTICE**
8 **IN THIS STATE IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A MINIMUM OF:**

9 (1) **3 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR;**
10 **OR**

11 (2) **6 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN ASSISTANT NURSING HOME**
12 **ADMINISTRATOR.**

13 9–302.

14 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who:

15 (1) Submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with §
16 9–302.1 of this subtitle; and

17 (2) Meets the requirements of this section.

18 (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

19 (c) The applicant shall be at least 21 years old.

20 (d) (1) The applicant shall:

21 (i) 1. Have a baccalaureate or master's degree in health care
22 administration from an accredited college or university; or

23 2. A. Have a baccalaureate or master's degree in a field
24 other than health care administration from an accredited college or university; and

25 B. Have satisfactorily completed a minimum of 100 hours in
26 a course of study in health care administration approved by the Board; and

27 (ii) 1. Have completed an administrator-in-training program
28 approved by the Board; [or]

1 (iv) Has satisfactorily completed a minimum of 100 hours in a course
2 of study in health care administration, or equivalent, approved by the Board.

3 (2) Whenever federal law requires that an applicant for a license to practice
4 as a nursing home administrator must have a baccalaureate degree in health care
5 administration or in a field other than health care administration the provisions of this
6 section shall cease to be effective.

7 (g) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an
8 examination given by the Board under this subtitle.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2022.