

SENATE BILL 77

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator West**

Requested: September 30, 2021

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations Boards – Investigations – Right to Counsel**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensee or certificate holder to be represented by counsel
4 during an investigation by a health occupations board that may result in charges or
5 sanctions; and generally relating to investigations by health occupations boards and
6 the right to counsel.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health Occupations
9 Section 1–610
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 **1–610.**

16 **IF A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD INVESTIGATES A LICENSEE OR**
17 **CERTIFICATE HOLDER AND THE INVESTIGATION MAY RESULT IN CHARGES OR**
18 **SANCTIONS AGAINST THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER, THE LICENSEE OR**
19 **CERTIFICATE HOLDER MAY:**

20 **(1) BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL DURING THE INVESTIGATION;**
21 **AND**

22 **(2) HAVE COUNSEL PRESENT AT ANY INTERVIEW OF THE LICENSEE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER CONDUCTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH
2 OCCUPATIONS BOARD DURING THE INVESTIGATION.

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