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By: Senator West
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – Investigations – Right to Counsel

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

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–610
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Health Occupations

1–610.

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

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

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

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