SENNATE BILL 243

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By: Senator Feldman
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Secretary of Health – Professional Qualification Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health to be professionally qualified through
certain experience or education; and generally relating to the Secretary of Health.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 2–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

2–102.

(a) The head of the Department is the Secretary of Health, who shall be appointed
by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The Secretary must be professionally qualified through
experience or education in at least one of the following areas:

(1) Health law or policy;

(2) Health care facilities administration;

(3) Health economics or financial management;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(4) Government operations related to health care; or

(5) As a health care provider.

(b)(c) (1) (I) The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is responsible directly to the Governor.

(II) The Secretary shall advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department and is responsible for carrying out the Governor’s policies on these matters.

(2) (I) The Secretary is responsible for the operation of the Department and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Department.

(II) The Secretary may establish, reorganize, or abolish areas of responsibility in the Department as necessary to fulfill the duties assigned to the Secretary.

(c)(D) The Secretary is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

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