SENATE BILL 523

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By: Senator Kagan
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CHAPTER ______

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations and Professions – Licenses, Certificates, and Registration – Immigrants

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a State occupational or professional licensing health occupations board from denying an occupational or professional a license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant and record the number on the application; and generally relating to occupational and professional health occupations licenses, certifications, or registrations to immigrants.

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 8–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 10–119.3(a) and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
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Article – Family Law
Section 10–119.3(b), (c)(2), and (d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–227
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—State Government

§ 506.

Article – Family Law

10–119.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “License” means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization that:

(i) is issued by a licensing authority;

(ii) is subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or termination by a licensing authority; and

(iii) is necessary for an individual to practice or engage in:

1. a particular business, occupation, or profession; or

2. recreational hunting or fishing.

(3) (i) “Licensing authority” means a department, unit of a department, commission, board, office, or court of the State.

(ii) “Licensing authority” includes:

1. the Maryland Department of Labor;

2. the Maryland Department of Health;
3. the Department of Human Services;
4. the Department of Transportation;
5. the Department of the Environment;
6. the Comptroller of the Treasury;
7. the Department of Agriculture;
8. the Maryland Insurance Administration;
9. the Public Service Commission;
10. the Secretary of State;
11. the State Department of Education;
12. the Department of Natural Resources;
13. the Office of the Attorney General;
14. the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a license or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; and
15. the Court of Appeals.

(b) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, a licensing authority shall:

(i) require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number of the applicant; and

(ii) record the applicant’s Social Security number on the application.

(2) The Department of Natural Resources shall:

(i) require an applicant for a recreational hunting or fishing license to disclose only the last four digits of the Social Security number of the applicant instead of the full Social Security number; and

(ii) record the applicant’s partial Social Security number on the application.

(3) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:
(I) REQUIRE EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO DISCLOSE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT; AND

(II) RECORD THE APPLICANT’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON THE APPLICATION.

(c) (1) To carry out its responsibility under State and federal law, the Administration may request from a licensing authority information concerning any obligor in arrears in paying child support through a support enforcement agency.

(2) A request for information by the Administration under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) shall contain:

1. the full name of the obligor; and

2. the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial Social Security number of the obligor OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER; and

(ii) may be transmitted to a licensing authority using an electronic format.

(d) (1) Upon receipt of a request for information under subsection (c) of this section, a licensing authority shall submit the following information to the Administration with respect to each obligor who is licensed by, or has applied for a license from, the licensing authority:

(i) the full name of the obligor;

(ii) the address of the obligor, if known;

(iii) the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial Social Security number of the obligor OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, if known; and

(iv) a description of the license held by the obligor.

Article – Health Occupations

1–227.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:
(1) whose country of origin is a country other than the United States;

(2) who is not a citizen of the United States; and

(3) who is a resident of the State.

(b) A state occupational or professional licensing health occupations board may not deny an occupational or professional license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual otherwise meets all educational, training, or professional requirements for licensure, certification, or registration.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.