

SENATE BILL 523

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By: **Senator Kagan**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations ~~and Professions~~ – Licenses, Certificates, and Registration –**
3 **Immigrants**

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

12 ~~BY adding to~~
13 ~~Article – State Government~~
14 ~~Section 8–506~~
15 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
16 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume)~~

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Family Law
19 Section 10–119.3(a) and (c)(1)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Family Law
 2 Section 10–119.3(b), (c)(2), and (d)(1)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

5 BY adding to
 6 Article – Health Occupations
 7 Section 1–227
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

12 ~~Article – State Government~~

13 ~~§ 506.~~

14 Article – Family Law

15 10–119.3.

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

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

19 (i) is issued by a licensing authority;

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

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

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

24 2. recreational hunting or fishing.

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

27 (ii) “Licensing authority” includes:

28 1. the Maryland Department of Labor;

29 2. the Maryland Department of Health;

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

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

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

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

20 (2) The Department of Natural Resources shall:

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

24 (ii) record the applicant's partial Social Security number on the
25 application.

26 (3) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:

1 **(I) REQUIRE EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO DISCLOSE**
 2 **THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION**
 3 **NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT; AND**

4 **(II) RECORD THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR**
 5 **INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON THE APPLICATION.**

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

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

11 (i) shall contain:

12 1. the full name of the obligor; and

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

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

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

22 (i) the full name of the obligor;

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

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

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

28 **Article – Health Occupations**

29 **1-227.**

30 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:**

1 (1) ~~WHOSE~~ WHOSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS A COUNTRY OTHER THAN
2 THE UNITED STATES;

3 (2) ~~WHO~~ WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

4 (3) ~~WHO~~ WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.

5 (B) A ~~STATE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSING HEALTH~~
6 OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY NOT DENY ~~AN OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL A~~
7 LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION TO AN IMMIGRANT IF THE INDIVIDUAL
8 OTHERWISE MEETS ALL EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, OR PROFESSIONAL
9 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.