A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Occupational Licensing Boards and Commission on Judicial Disabilities – Reporting Disciplinary Activities

FOR the purpose of requiring business occupation licensing boards to include on license, registration, and certification application and renewal forms an option for the applicant to provide the applicant’s gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the business occupation licensing boards to encourage applicants to provide gender, race, and ethnicity information; requiring business and health occupation licensing boards to include certain information related to disciplinary activities in the boards’ annual reports; requiring the Commission on Judicial Disabilities to submit an annual disciplinary activities report to the Governor and the General Assembly; and generally relating to reports of disciplinary activities by occupational licensing boards and the Commission on Judicial Disabilities.

BY adding to
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 1–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 13–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–226
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 – Business Occupations and Professions

1–209.

(A) EACH BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL:

1. INCLUDE ON THE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORMS FOR THE LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE AN OPTION FOR THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE THE APPLICANT'S GENDER, RACE, AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION; AND

2. ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE GENDER, RACE, AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORMS.

(B) A BOARD AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL INCLUDE IN ANY ANNUAL REPORT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITY BY THE BOARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER DISCIPLINED BY THE BOARD:

1. GENDER;

2. RACE;

3. COUNTY OF PRACTICE;

4. THE TYPE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION IMPOSED BY THE BOARD;

5. LENGTH OF DISCIPLINARY PERIOD, IF APPLICABLE; AND

6. AMOUNT OF ANY FINE IMPOSED, IF APPLICABLE.

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

13–404.

(A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION'S DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES.
(B) The report required under subsection (A) of this section shall include the following information for each judge disciplined by the commission:

1. Gender;
2. Race;
3. County of practice;
4. The type of disciplinary action imposed by the commission;
5. Length of disciplinary period, if applicable; and
6. Amount of any fine imposed, if applicable.

Article – Health Occupations

(A) Each health occupations board authorized to issue a license or certificate under this article shall:

1. Include on the form for an application for the license or certificate or a license or certificate renewal an option for the applicant to provide the applicant’s gender, race, and ethnicity information; and
2. Encourage an applicant to provide gender, race, and ethnicity information on the application.

(B) Each health occupations board authorized to issue a license or certificate under this article shall include in any annual report of disciplinary activity by the board the following information for each licensee or certificate holder disciplined by the board:

1. Gender;
2. Race;
3. County of practice;
4. The type of disciplinary action imposed by the board;
(5) Length of disciplinary period, if applicable; and

(6) Amount of any fine imposed, if applicable.

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