

SENATE BILL 555

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CF HB 292

By: **Senators Watson and Carter**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
16 Section 1–209
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
21 Section 13–404
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
25 Article – Health Occupations
26 Section 1–226
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2021 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

4 **1–209.**

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

7 (1) INCLUDE ON THE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORMS FOR THE
8 LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATE AN OPTION FOR THE APPLICANT TO
9 PROVIDE THE APPLICANT’S GENDER, RACE, AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION; AND

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

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

16 (1) GENDER;

17 (2) RACE;

18 (3) COUNTY OF PRACTICE;

19 (4) THE TYPE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION IMPOSED BY THE BOARD;

20 (5) LENGTH OF DISCIPLINARY PERIOD, IF APPLICABLE; AND

21 (6) AMOUNT OF ANY FINE IMPOSED, IF APPLICABLE.

22 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

23 **13–404.**

24 (A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL
25 SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257
26 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL
27 REPORT OF THE COMMISSION’S DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES.

1 **(5) LENGTH OF DISCIPLINARY PERIOD, IF APPLICABLE; AND**

2 **(6) AMOUNT OF ANY FINE IMPOSED, IF APPLICABLE.**

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