

# HOUSE BILL 1013

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employees – Paid Sick Leave – Certificate of Illness or Disability Signed**  
3 **by a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed clinical professional counselor to sign a certain  
5 certificate when a State employee uses certain sick leave beyond a certain number  
6 of workdays; and generally relating to paid sick leave for State employees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

9 Section 9–501(a) and 9–504(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

14 Section 9–504(b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

20 9–501.

21 (a) Each employee in the State Personnel Management System, except a  
22 temporary employee, is entitled to sick leave with pay as provided in this subtitle.

23 9–504.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) An employee who uses sick leave for 5 or more consecutive workdays for  
2 personal illness or disability or the illness or disability of a member of the employee's  
3 immediate family may not receive payment under this subtitle unless the employee gives  
4 the employee's immediate supervisor an original certificate of illness or disability.

5 (b) The certificate required under subsection (a) of this section shall be signed by  
6 one of the following:

7 (1) a medical doctor who is authorized to practice medicine or surgery by  
8 the state in which the doctor practices;

9 (2) if authorized to practice in a state and performing within the scope of  
10 that authority:

11 (i) a chiropractor;

12 (ii) a clinical psychologist;

13 (iii) a dentist;

14 (iv) a licensed certified social worker – clinical;

15 (v) a nurse midwife;

16 (vi) a nurse practitioner;

17 (vii) an oral surgeon;

18 (viii) an optometrist;

19 (ix) a physical therapist; [or]

20 (x) a podiatrist; **OR**

21 **(XI) A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR – CLINICAL;**

22 (3) an accredited Christian Science practitioner; or

23 (4) a health care provider as defined by the federal Family Medical Leave  
24 Act.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2024.