

Chapter 674

(House Bill 690)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Adult Protective Services Review Board – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Adult Protective Services Review Board in Charles County to authorize the appointment of a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner in the field of psychiatry to serve on the board instead of a psychiatrist; and generally relating to the Adult Protective Services Review Board in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Family Law
 Section 14–402(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

14–402.

- (a) (1) Each review board consists of 11 members appointed:
- (i) by the county commissioners;
 - (ii) in Baltimore City, by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council;
 - (iii) in any county that has a county executive, by the county executive with the advice and consent of the county council; or
 - (iv) if 2 or more counties have agreed to establish a multicounty review board, jointly by the appropriate officials of the counties served by the board.
- (2) Of the 11 members:
- (i) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local department;
 - (ii) 1. in counties other than St. Mary's County [or], Washington County, **OR CHARLES COUNTY:**

A. 1 shall be a physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist; [and]

2. in St. Mary’s County and Washington County:

A. 1 shall be a physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist or psychologist; **AND**

3. IN CHARLES COUNTY:

A. 1 SHALL BE A PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR PHYSICIAN WHO IS NOT A PSYCHIATRIST; AND

B. 1 SHALL BE A PSYCHIATRIST OR A PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHIATRY;

(iii) 1 shall be a representative of a local commission on aging;

(iv) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization;

(v) 1 shall be a lawyer;

(vi) 2 shall be lay individuals;

(vii) 1 shall be a registered nurse;

(viii) 1 shall be a professional in the field of disabilities; and

(ix) 1 shall be a person with a physical disability.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.