

SB0216/113526/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 216
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “altering” in line 5 down through “altering” in line 7 and substitute “expanding”; in line 7, after the second “the” insert “Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment”; in the same line, after “Program” insert “for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff”; in line 14, after “credits” insert “and altering certain criteria necessary to claim the tax credits”; in line 17, after “Board,” insert “altering the effective date of certain provisions of law relating to certified nursing assistants;”; and strike in their entirety lines 20 and 21 and substitute:

“Section 24-1904”.

On page 2, in line 8, after “8-101(a)” insert “and 8-206(a)”; in line 18, after “Section” insert “8-206(e)(1).”; and in line 21, strike “without” and substitute “with”.

On page 3, after line 4, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 818 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 2 and 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 819 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 2 and 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 8-6A-01(n)(2) and (o), 8-6A-05(c)(5), and 8-6A-07(c)

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Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 818 and 819 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2024)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 3 through line 10 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 22, strike the brackets.

On page 6, in line 1, after "NURSE" insert "OR NURSING SUPPORT STAFF"; in lines 10, 12, and 14, in each instance, after "NURSES" insert "OR NURSING SUPPORT STAFF"; and in line 13, after "NURSES" insert "OR NURSING SUPPORT STAFF".

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 6 through line 14 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 8, after line 19, insert:

"8-206.

(a) There is a Board of Nursing Fund.

(e) (1) [(i)] The Board of Nursing Fund shall be used exclusively to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the provisions of this title.

[(ii) The Board of Nursing Fund may not be used to pay for infrastructure operations, as defined in § 1-203(b) of this article.]".

On page 11, in line 9, after “FOR” insert “AN ASSOCIATE OR”.

On page 12, in line 32, strike “100” and substitute “90”.

On page 13, in line 12, strike “100” and substitute “90”.

On page 14, after line 17, insert:

Chapter 818 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before [June] JANUARY 1, [2025] 2026, the State Board of Nursing shall:

(1) notify individuals who possess a nursing assistant certification of the licensing requirements established under Section 1 of this Act; and

(2) in consultation with the Office of Health Care Quality, update regulations to conform with Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect [October] APRIL 1, [2025] 2026.

Chapter 819 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before [June] JANUARY 1, [2025] 2026, the State Board of Nursing shall:

(1) notify individuals who possess a nursing assistant certification of the licensing requirements established under Section 1 of this Act; and

(Over)

(2) in consultation with the Office of Health Care Quality, update regulations to conform with Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect [October] **APRIL 1, [2025] 2026.**”; and after line 20 insert:

“8-6A-01.

(n) (2) “Certified nursing assistant–I” includes:

(i) A certified nursing assistant who was certified as a geriatric nursing assistant on [September 30, 2025] **MARCH 31, 2026;**

(ii) A certified medicine aide; and

(iii) A certified nursing assistant who is approved under § 8-6A-05(c)(5) of this subtitle.

(o) “Certified nursing assistant–II” means a certified nursing assistant:

(1) Who, on [September 30, 2025] **MARCH 31, 2026,** was certified as a nursing assistant and was not authorized to practice in a nursing facility or skilled nursing facility; and

(2) Whose authority to practice in a nursing facility or skilled nursing facility continues to be restricted because the certified nursing assistant has not been approved as a certified nursing assistant–I under § 8-6A-05(c)(5) of this subtitle.

8-6A-05.

(c) (5) Beginning [October 1, 2025] **APRIL 1, 2026,** a certified nursing assistant–II may be certified as a certified nursing assistant–I by:

(i) Submitting an application to the Board on the form that the Board requires; and

(ii) Providing satisfactory evidence of:

1. Successful completion of an approved nursing assistant training program; and

2. Passing a nursing assistant competency evaluation.

8-6A-07.

(c) An individual who has met the requirements for a certified nursing assistant on or after [October 1, 2025] **APRIL 1, 2026**, shall be certified with the title of “certified nursing assistant–I”.