## **HOUSE BILL 664**

J25lr2626 By: Delegate Terrasa Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2025 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: February 27, 2025 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Disciplinary Actions FOR the purpose of clarifying the actions that the State Board of Nursing may take if an applicant for a license to practice direct—entry midwifery or a licensed direct—entry midwife violates a ground for discipline; and generally relating to licensed direct-entry midwives. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health Occupations Section 8–6C–20(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Health Occupations 8-6C-20. Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8–317 of this title, the Board may deny (a) a license OR GRANT A LICENSE, INCLUDING A LICENSE SUBJECT TO A REPRIMAND, PROBATION, OR SUSPENSION, to [an] ANY applicant, reprimand [a] ANY licensee, place

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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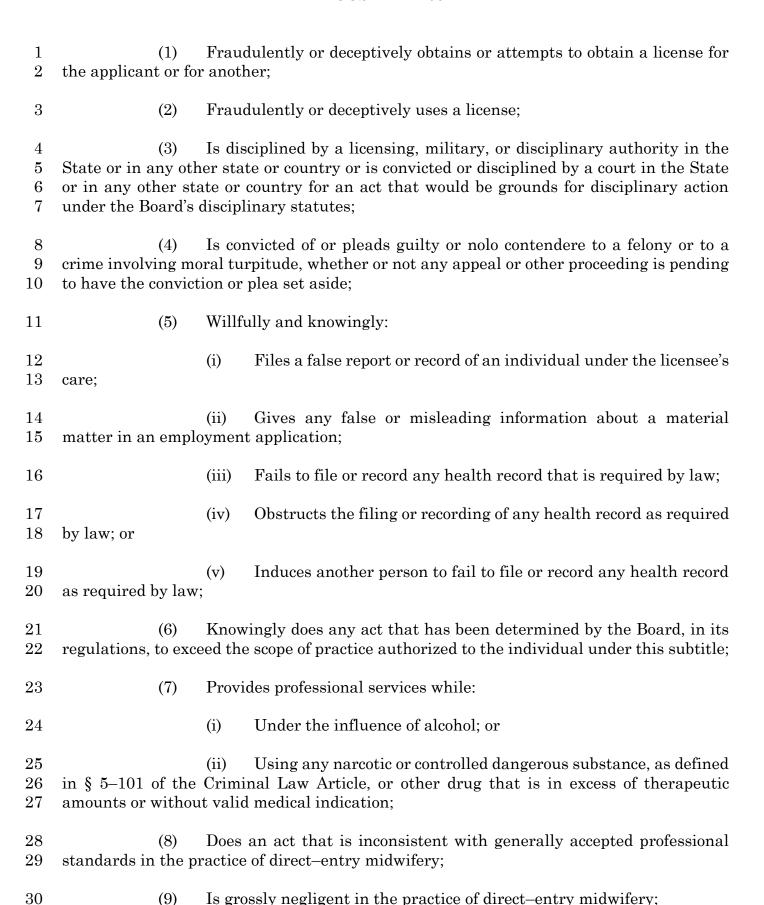
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

[a] ANY licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke [a] THE license OF A LICENSEE if the





1	(10) H	Ias violated any provision of this title;
2	(11) S	Submits a false statement to collect a fee;
3	(12) Is	s physically or mentally incompetent;
4 5	(13) K of the Family Law A	Knowingly fails to report suspected child abuse in violation of § 5–704 rticle;
6 7 8	feasible or practica	Except in an emergency life—threatening situation where it is not ble, fails to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and nes on universal precautions;
9 10	(15) Is § 8–6C–23 of this sub	s in independent practice and fails to display the notice required under btitle;
11	(16) Is	s habitually intoxicated;
12 13	* *	s addicted to, or habitually abuses, any narcotic or controlled as defined in § 5–101 of the Criminal Law Article;
14	(18) F	ails to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board;
15 16	• • •	s expelled from the rehabilitation program established pursuant to \$ c failure to comply with the conditions of the program;
17	(20) E	Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics;
18	(21) Is	s professionally incompetent;
19 20		Practices direct—entry midwifery without a license, before obtaining or ncluding any period when the license has lapsed;
21 22	, ,	after failing to renew a license or after a license has lapsed, commits e grounds for disciplinary action under this section;
23	(24) V	Violates regulations adopted by the Board or an order from the Board;
24	(25) P	Performs an act that is beyond the licensee's knowledge and skills;
25 26	(26) F 8–303 of this title;	ails to submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with §
27 28 29	• • •	When acting in a supervisory position, directs another licensed to perform an act that is beyond the licensed direct—entry midwife's s; or

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(2	28)	Fails t	o file a	report requi	red under th	is sub	title.				

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.