

HOUSE BILL 1365

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By: **Delegate Pena–Melnyk**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations and Insurance – Menopause – Provider Training and**
3 **Coverage Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring health occupations boards that require licensees or certificate
5 holders to complete certain continuing education to grant a certain number of hours
6 for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated
7 symptoms; authorizing certain health occupations boards to establish a maximum
8 number of certain continuing education credits granted; requiring the Department
9 to identify a certain training program in consultation with certain professional
10 associations; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
11 maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management
12 of menopause and menopause–associated conditions; and generally relating to
13 provider training and health insurance coverage related to menopause.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Health Occupations
16 Section 1–231
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Insurance
21 Section 15–864
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Health Occupations**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1-231.**

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER
3 WHO EVALUATES AND MANAGES MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED
4 SYMPTOMS WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE.

5 (B) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD THAT REQUIRES A LICENSEE OR
6 CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A CONDITION OF
7 THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL GRANT AT LEAST 2 HOURS
8 OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR EVERY 1 HOUR OF CONTINUING
9 EDUCATION ON MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS
10 COMPLETED BY THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

11 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY AT LEAST ONE TRAINING
12 PROGRAM FOR LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATE HOLDERS REGARDING THE
13 EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED
14 SYMPTOMS THAT MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
15 SECTION.

16 (2) IN IDENTIFYING A TRAINING PROGRAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
17 THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH PROFESSIONAL
18 ASSOCIATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED
19 SYMPTOMS, INCLUDING THE MENOPAUSE SOCIETY.

20 (D) A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY ADOPT
21 REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS
22 ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS THAT
23 MAY BE GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
25 as follows:

26 **Article - Insurance**

27 **15-864.**

28 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

29 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT
30 PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS
31 ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR
32 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

1 **(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
2 **HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER**
3 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

4 **(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR**
5 **THE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MENOPAUSE AND**
6 **MENOPAUSE-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS.**

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
8 apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the
9 State on or after January 1, 2027.

10 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
11 effect January 1, 2027.

12 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section
13 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.