

# SENATE BILL 892

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By: **Senators Gile, Beidle, Hester, King, Love, and Hettleman**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Conditions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and  
4 Wellness; requiring certain health occupations boards that require a licensee or  
5 certificate holder to complete continuing education requirements as a condition of  
6 renewal to grant at least a certain amount of continuing education credits for  
7 completing continuing education on perimenopausal, menopausal, and  
8 postmenopausal evaluation and treatment; requiring the Maryland Health Care  
9 Commission, the Maryland Commission for Women, and the Maryland Department  
10 of Health to take certain actions related to perimenopausal, menopausal, and  
11 postmenopausal conditions; and generally relating to perimenopausal, menopausal,  
12 and postmenopausal conditions.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 13–201

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – Health – General

20 Section 13–203

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY adding to

24 Article – Health Occupations

25 Section 1–231

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 13–201.

5 In this subtitle, “Advisory Council” means the State Advisory Council on Health and  
6 Wellness.

7 13–203.

8 (a) The Advisory Council consists of [34] voting members appointed by the  
9 Secretary.

10 (b) The following members shall serve without term limits:

11 (1) The Secretary [of Health], or the Secretary’s designee;

12 (2) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s  
13 designee;

14 (3) The Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;

15 (4) The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary’s designee;

16 (5) A representative of the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health  
17 Disparities; [and]

18 (6) A representative of the Maryland Association of County Health  
19 Officers; AND

20 **(7) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION  
21 FOR WOMEN, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE.**

22 (c) The following members are subject to term limits:

23 (1) One representative of the American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic,  
24 Inc., nominated by the Executive Director of the Association;

25 (2) One representative of the Arthritis Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region,  
26 Maryland, nominated by the Executive Director of the Foundation;

27 (3) One representative of the American Diabetes Association, Maryland  
28 Chapter, nominated by the Executive Director of the Association;

(5) One representative of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, nominated by the Executive Director of MedChi;

5 (6) One representative of the University of Maryland Medical Center and  
6 University of Maryland School of Medicine, nominated by the Chief Executive Officer of the  
7 Medical Center and the Dean of the School of Medicine;

10 (8) One representative of the Maryland Nurses Association, nominated by  
11 the Executive Director of the Association;

(9) One representative of the Maryland Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, nominated by the President of the Academy;

14 (10) One representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American College of  
15 Emergency Physicians, nominated by the President of the Chapter; [and]

16 (11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN PERIMENOPAUSAL,  
17 MENOPAUSAL, AND POSTMENOPAUSAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT; AND

18 (12) [Eighteen] SEVENTEEN members of the public, who may include:

19 (i) Individuals with a chronic disease or family members of an  
20 individual with a chronic disease:

21 (ii) Licensed health care providers:

22 (iii) Individuals with a physical fitness background;

23 (iv) Employers or representatives of the business sector;

24 (v) Representatives of health insurers;

25 (vi) Representatives of community-based organizations; and

26 (vii) Individuals with expressed interest in health and wellness.

27 (d) (1) This subsection applies to members who are subject to term limits.

28 (2) The term of a member is 4 years.

3 (4) A member may serve two consecutive full terms.

4 (5) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
5 appointed and qualifies.

(6) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(7) A member who serves two consecutive full 4-year terms may not be reappointed for 4 years after the completion of those terms.

10 (e) If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary promptly shall appoint a successor.

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

## Article – Health Occupations

14 1-231.

15 (A) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED  
16 BY A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD UNDER TITLE 7, 9, 20, OR 21 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17       (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH HEALTH  
18 OCCUPATIONS BOARD THAT REQUIRES A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO  
19 COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A CONDITION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE  
20 LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL GRANT AT LEAST 2 HOURS OF CONTINUING  
21 EDUCATION CREDITS FOR EVERY HOUR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION ON  
22 PERIMENOPAUSAL, MENOPAUSAL, AND POSTMENOPAUSAL EVALUATION AND  
23 TREATMENT THAT THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER COMPLETES.

(2) A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS THAT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Health Care  
28 Commission shall:

(2) on or before December 1, 2026, shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

4 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Commission for  
5 Women shall:

11 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of  
12 Health shall:

17 (2) on or before October 1, 2027, submit its evaluation and recommended  
18 action plan to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government  
19 Article.

20 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department  
21 of Health shall:

(2) on or before October 1, 2027, report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

28 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
29 effect October 1, 2026.

30 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section  
31 7 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.