

HOUSE BILL 1313

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By: **Delegate Cullison**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians – Consultation, Qualification for Licensure,**
3 **License Renewal, and Representation to the Public**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain physicians engaged in certain consultations to
5 practice medicine without a license from the State Board of Physicians under
6 certain circumstances; authorizing certain applicants to qualify for licensure
7 under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to send certain notices and
8 certain data sheets to certain licensees by certain means; making certain
9 stylistic changes; prohibiting certain physicians from making certain
10 representations unless the physician is board certified; defining certain terms;
11 and generally relating to the licensure of physicians in the State.

12 BY renumbering

13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 14–101(c) through (o), respectively
15 to be Section 14–101(d) through (p), respectively
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Health Occupations
20 Section 14–101(c), 14–101.1, and 14–302.1
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

24 Article – Health Occupations
25 Section 14–302, 14–307, 14–316(b), 14–401(e)(2)(i), 14–503, and 14–5C–06(a)(2)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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
2 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 14–101(c) through (o), respectively, of Article – Health
3 Occupations of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
4 14–101(d) through (p), respectively.

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

7 **Article – Health Occupations**

8 14–101.

9 (C) “BOARD CERTIFIED” MEANS THE PHYSICIAN IS CERTIFIED BY A
10 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BOARD, INCLUDING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY BOARD, AND
11 THE CERTIFYING BOARD:

12 (1) IS:

13 (I) A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL
14 SPECIALTIES; OR

15 (II) AN AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
16 CERTIFYING BOARD;

17 (2) HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD UNDER § 14–101.1 OF
18 THIS SUBTITLE; OR

19 (3) REQUIRES THAT, IN ORDER TO BE CERTIFIED, THE
20 PHYSICIAN:

21 (I) COMPLETE A POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM
22 THAT:

23 1. PROVIDES COMPLETE TRAINING IN THE
24 SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY; AND

25 2. IS ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION
26 COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION OR THE AMERICAN
27 OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION; AND

28 (II) BE CERTIFIED BY THE MEMBER BOARD OF THE
29 AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES OR THE AMERICAN
30 OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION IN THE TRAINING FIELD.

1 **14-101.1.**

2 **THE BOARD MAY APPROVE A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BOARD INCLUDING A**
3 **MULTIDISCIPLINARY BOARD AS A CERTIFYING BOARD ONLY IF THE CERTIFYING**
4 **BOARD REQUIRES THAT, IN ORDER TO BE CERTIFIED, A PHYSICIAN:**

5 **(1) COMPLETE A POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM THAT:**

6 **(I) PROVIDES COMPLETE TRAINING IN THE SPECIALTY OR**
7 **SUBSPECIALTY BEING CERTIFIED; AND**

8 **(II) IS ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR**
9 **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION OR THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC**
10 **ASSOCIATION; AND**

11 **(2) BE CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL**
12 **SPECIALTIES OR THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION IN THE SAME**
13 **TRAINING FIELD.**

14 **14-302.**

15 Subject to the rules, regulations, and orders of the Board, the following
16 individuals may practice medicine without a license:

17 (1) A medical student or an individual in a postgraduate medical
18 training program that is approved by the Board, while doing the assigned duties at
19 any office of a licensed physician, hospital, clinic, or similar facility;

20 (2) A physician licensed by and residing in another jurisdiction, [while
21 engaging in consultation with a physician licensed in this State;] **IF THE PHYSICIAN:**

22 **(I) IS ENGAGED IN CONSULTATION WITH A PHYSICIAN**
23 **LICENSED IN THE STATE ABOUT A PARTICULAR PATIENT AND DOES NOT DIRECT**
24 **PATIENT CARE; OR**

25 **(II) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 14-302.1 OF THIS**
26 **SUBTITLE;**

27 (3) A physician employed in the service of the federal government
28 while performing the duties incident to that employment;

29 (4) A physician who resides in and is authorized to practice medicine
30 by any state adjoining this State and whose practice extends into this State, if:

1 (i) The physician does not have an office or other regularly
2 appointed place in this State to meet patients; and

3 (ii) The same privileges are extended to licensed physicians of
4 this State by the adjoining state; and

5 (5) An individual while under the supervision of a licensed physician
6 who has specialty training in psychiatry, and whose specialty training in psychiatry
7 has been approved by the Board, if the individual submits an application to the Board
8 on or before October 1, 1993, and either:

9 (i) 1. Has a master's degree from an accredited college or
10 university; and

11 2. Has completed a graduate program accepted by the
12 Board in a behavioral science that includes 1,000 hours of supervised clinical
13 psychotherapy experience; or

14 (ii) 1. Has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college
15 or university; and

16 2. Has 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience that
17 is approved by the Board.

18 **14-302.1.**

19 **A PHYSICIAN WHO IS LICENSED AND RESIDES IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION**
20 **MAY PRACTICE MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE WHILE ENGAGED IN CLINICAL**
21 **TRAINING WITH A LICENSED PHYSICIAN IF:**

22 **(1) THE BOARD FINDS, ON APPLICATION BY A HOSPITAL IN THE**
23 **STATE, THAT:**

24 **(i) THE PHYSICIAN POSSESSES A SKILL OR USES A**
25 **PROCEDURE THAT:**

26 **1. IS ADVANCED BEYOND THOSE SKILLS OR**
27 **PROCEDURES NORMALLY TAUGHT OR EXERCISED IN THE HOSPITAL AND IN**
28 **STANDARD MEDICAL EDUCATION OR TRAINING;**

29 **2. COULD NOT BE OTHERWISE CONVENIENTLY**
30 **TAUGHT OR DEMONSTRATED IN STANDARD MEDICAL EDUCATION OR TRAINING**
31 **IN THAT HOSPITAL; AND**

1 **3. IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT MARYLAND PATIENTS IN**
2 **THIS INSTANCE;**

3 **(II) THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE SKILL OR PROCEDURE**
4 **WOULD TAKE NO MORE THAN 14 DAYS;**

5 **(III) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO PRACTICES AT A HOSPITAL**
6 **IN THE STATE HAS CERTIFIED TO THE BOARD THAT THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN**
7 **WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED BY THAT VISITING**
8 **PHYSICIAN TO PATIENTS IN THE STATE;**

9 **(IV) THE VISITING PHYSICIAN HAS NO HISTORY OF ANY**
10 **MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN ANY OTHER STATE, TERRITORY, NATION, OR**
11 **ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE**
12 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, AND HAS NO SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL**
13 **MALPRACTICE HISTORY IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD;**

14 **(V) THE PHYSICIAN IS COVERED BY MALPRACTICE**
15 **INSURANCE IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PHYSICIAN PRACTICES; AND**

16 **(VI) THE HOSPITAL ASSURES THE BOARD THAT THE**
17 **PATIENTS WILL BE PROTECTED BY ADEQUATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE; OR**

18 **(2) THE BOARD FINDS, ON APPLICATION BY A MARYLAND**
19 **HOSPITAL, THAT:**

20 **(I) THE HOSPITAL PROVIDES TRAINING IN A SKILL OR USES**
21 **A PROCEDURE THAT:**

22 **1. IS ADVANCED BEYOND THOSE SKILLS OR**
23 **PROCEDURES NORMALLY TAUGHT OR EXERCISED IN STANDARD MEDICAL**
24 **EDUCATION OR TRAINING;**

25 **2. COULD NOT BE OTHERWISE CONVENIENTLY**
26 **TAUGHT OR DEMONSTRATED IN THE VISITING PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE; AND**

27 **3. IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT MARYLAND PATIENTS IN**
28 **THIS INSTANCE;**

29 **(II) THE DEMONSTRATION OR EXERCISE OF THE SKILL OR**
30 **PROCEDURE WILL TAKE NO MORE THAN 14 DAYS;**

1 **(III) A HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN THE STATE HAS**
2 **CERTIFIED TO THE BOARD THAT THE PHYSICIAN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR**
3 **THE MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED BY THAT VISITING PHYSICIAN TO PATIENTS IN**
4 **THE STATE;**

5 **(IV) THE VISITING PHYSICIAN HAS NO HISTORY OF ANY**
6 **MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN ANY OTHER STATE, TERRITORY, NATION, OR**
7 **ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE**
8 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, AND HAS NO SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL**
9 **MALPRACTICE HISTORY IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD;**

10 **(V) THE PHYSICIAN IS COVERED BY MALPRACTICE**
11 **INSURANCE IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE PHYSICIAN PRACTICES; AND**

12 **(VI) THE HOSPITAL ASSURES THE BOARD THAT THE**
13 **PATIENTS WILL BE PROTECTED BY ADEQUATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE.**

14 14–307.

15 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the
16 requirements of this section.

17 (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

18 (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

19 (d) Except as provided in § 14–308 of this subtitle, the applicant shall:

20 (1) (i) Have a degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school
21 that is accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its
22 regulations; and

23 (ii) Submit evidence acceptable to the Board of successful
24 completion of 1 year of training in a postgraduate medical training program that is
25 accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations;
26 or

27 (2) (i) Have a degree of doctor of osteopathy from a school of
28 osteopathy in the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada
29 that has standards for graduation equivalent to those established by the American
30 Osteopathic Association; and

31 (ii) Submit evidence acceptable to the Board of successful
32 completion of 1 year of training in a postgraduate medical training program accredited
33 by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations.

1 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an
2 examination required by the Board under this subtitle.

3 (f) The applicant shall meet any other qualifications that the Board
4 establishes in its regulations for license applicants.

5 (g) An applicant who has failed the examination or any part of the
6 examination 3 or more times [shall submit evidence of having completed 1 year of
7 additional clinical training in an approved postgraduate training program following
8 the latest failure] **MAY QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE IF THE APPLICANT:**

9 **(1) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 2 OR MORE YEARS OF A**
10 **RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL**
11 **ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION;**

12 **(2) (I) HAS A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE OF**
13 **MEDICINE IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN CANADA, WITH AT LEAST 3 OF THE 5**
14 **YEARS HAVING OCCURRED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION;**

15 **(II) THE CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (I) OF**
16 **THIS PARAGRAPH OCCURRED UNDER A FULL UNRESTRICTED LICENSE TO**
17 **PRACTICE MEDICINE; AND**

18 **(III) NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS PENDING OR HAS BEEN**
19 **TAKEN AGAINST THE APPLICANT; OR**

20 **(3) IS BOARD CERTIFIED.**

21 (h) (1) The Board shall require as part of its examination or licensing
22 procedures that an applicant for a license to practice medicine demonstrate an oral
23 competency in the English language.

24 (2) Graduation from a recognized English-speaking undergraduate
25 school or high school, including General Education Development (GED), after at least
26 3 years of enrollment, or from a recognized English-speaking professional school is
27 acceptable as proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language
28 under this section.

29 (3) By regulation, the Board shall develop a procedure for testing
30 individuals who because of their speech impairment are unable to complete
31 satisfactorily a Board approved standardized test of oral competency.

32 (4) If any disciplinary charges or action that involves a problem with
33 the oral communication of the English language are brought against a licensee under

1 this title, the Board shall require the licensee to take and pass a Board approved
2 standardized test of oral competency.

3 14–316.

4 (b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the
5 licensee, by **ELECTRONIC OR** first-class mail to the last known **ELECTRONIC OR**
6 **PHYSICAL** address of the licensee:

7 (1) A renewal notice that states:

8 (i) The date on which the current license expires;

9 (ii) The date by which the renewal application must be received
10 by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

11 (iii) The amount of the renewal fee; and

12 (2) A blank panel data sheet supplied by the Health Care Alternative
13 Dispute Resolution Office.

14 14–401.

15 (e) (2) A peer reviewer shall:

16 (i) Be [Board] **BOARD** certified;

17 14–503.

18 (a) A physician may not represent to the public that the physician is
19 [certified by a public or private board, including a multidisciplinary board, or that the
20 physician is] board certified unless:

21 **(1) THE PHYSICIAN IS BOARD CERTIFIED; AND**

22 **[(1) (2)** The physician discloses the full name of the board from
23 which the physician is certified and the name of the specialty or subspecialty in which
24 the physician is certified]; and

25 (2) The certifying board meets one of the following requirements:

26 (i) The certifying board is:

27 1. A member of the American Board of Medical
28 Specialties; or

1 2. An American Osteopathic Association certifying
2 board;

3 (ii) The certifying board has been approved by the Board; or

4 (iii) The certifying board requires that, in order to be certified,
5 the physician:

6 1. Complete a postgraduate training program that:

7 A. Provides complete training in the specialty or
8 subspecialty; and

9 B. Is accredited by the Accreditation Council for
10 Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association; and

11 2. Be certified by the member board of the American
12 Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association in the training
13 field.

14 (b) The Board may approve a certifying board under subsection (a)(2)(ii) of
15 this section only if the certifying board requires that, in order to be certified, the
16 physician:

17 (1) Complete a postgraduate training program that:

18 (i) Provides complete training in the specialty or subspecialty
19 being certified; and

20 (ii) Is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
21 Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association; and

22 (2) Be certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties or
23 American Osteopathic Association in the same training field].

24 **[(c)] (B)** A physician may advertise only as permitted by the rules and
25 regulations of the Board and subject to subsection (a) of this section.

26 14-5C-06.

27 (a) The Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Board as
28 follows:

29 (2) Three physicians who are **[Board] BOARD** certified in sleep
30 medicine:

1 (i) One of whom is a specialist in psychiatry or internal
2 medicine;

3 (ii) One of whom is a specialist in pulmonary medicine; and

4 (iii) One of whom is a specialist in neurology; and

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2013.