

HOUSE BILL 1488

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By: **Delegate Haynes**

Introduced and read first time: March 2, 2010

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners – Written Notification of Risk of Trigeminal**
3 **Neuralgia**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a licensed dentist to provide a patient with written
5 notice each time the licensed dentist performs a dental procedure that has the
6 risk of resulting in trigeminal neuralgia; authorizing a patient to submit a
7 certain complaint to the State Board of Dental Examiners under certain
8 circumstances; requiring the Board to investigate a certain complaint and take
9 disciplinary action against a licensed dentist under certain circumstances;
10 authorizing the Board to adopt regulations to carry out a certain provision of
11 law; and generally relating to written notification of the risk of trigeminal
12 neuralgia by licensed dentists.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Health Occupations
15 Section 4–509
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 **4–509.**

22 **(A) A LICENSED DENTIST SHALL PROVIDE A PATIENT WITH WRITTEN**
23 **NOTIFICATION EACH TIME THE LICENSED DENTIST PERFORMS A DENTAL**
24 **PROCEDURE ON THE PATIENT THAT HAS THE RISK OF RESULTING IN**
25 **TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A PATIENT WHO BEGINS SUFFERING FROM TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA**
2 **AFTER A LICENSED DENTIST HAS PERFORMED A DENTAL PROCEDURE ON THE**
3 **PATIENT AND WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED**
4 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN AND SIGNED**
5 **COMPLAINT TO THE BOARD.**

6 **(C) THE BOARD SHALL INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT SUBMITTED UNDER**
7 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN**
8 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE AGAINST A LICENSED DENTIST WHO VIOLATES**
9 **THIS SECTION.**

10 **(D) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
11 **SECTION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2010.