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By: Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Licensing - Good Standing With the State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring, before certain licenses or permits are issued or renewed, the issuing authority to verify with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the applicant is in good standing with the Department under certain circumstances; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the issuance or renewal of licenses and permits.

- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Business Occupations and Professions
- 11 Section 1–204
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Business Regulation
- 16 Section 1–210
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 20 Article Environment
- 21 Section 1–203
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 24 BY adding to
- 25 Article Health General

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1	Section 1–203
2	Annotated Code of Maryland
3	(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
4	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5	Article – Health Occupations
6	Section 1–213
$\overline{7}$	Annotated Code of Maryland
8	(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
9	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10	Article – Natural Resources
11	Section 1–402
12	Annotated Code of Maryland
13	(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
14	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15	Article - Tax - General
16	Section 1–205
17	Annotated Code of Maryland
18	(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
19	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20	Article – Transportation
21	Section 1–103
22	Annotated Code of Maryland
23	(2020 Replacement Volume)
24	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
25	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
26	Article – Business Occupations and Professions
27	1-204.

(a) Before any license or permit may be issued under this article, the applicant
shall certify to the issuing authority that the applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and
unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Maryland
Department of Labor or has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit
responsible for collection.

(b) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the issuingauthority shall:

35 (1) verify through the [office] **OFFICE** of the Comptroller that the 36 applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions

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1 payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for 2 payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; **AND**

3 (2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A) 4 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY THROUGH 5 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT 6 IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

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Article – Business Regulation

8 1-210.

9 (a) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this section if the 10 license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period 11 immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a 12 substantially similar license.

13 (b) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the issuing 14 authority shall:

15 (1) verify through the Office of the Comptroller that the applicant has paid 16 all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the 17 Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for payment in a 18 manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; AND

19 (2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A) 20 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY THROUGH 21 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT 22 IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

- 23 Article Environment
- 24 1-203.

(a) When deciding whether to issue a license or permit under this article or to
impose a condition on the issuance of a license or permit, the Department may consider
whether the applicant has violated any provision of this article or any regulation adopted
under this article.

(b) (1) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this subsection if the license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a substantially similar license.

33 (2) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the 34 issuing authority shall [verify]:

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1 (I) VERIFY through the [office] OFFICE of the Comptroller that the 2 applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions 3 payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for 4 payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; AND

5 (II) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 6 11–101(A) OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY 7 THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE 8 APPLICANT IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

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Article - Health - General

10 **1–203.**

11 BEFORE ANY LICENSE OR PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO AN 12 ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A) OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE THAT IS 13 NOT A NATURAL PERSON, THE ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL VERIFY THROUGH THE 14 STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS IN 15 GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

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Article – Health Occupations

17 1-213.

18 (a) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this section if the 19 license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period 20 immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a 21 substantially similar license.

22 (b) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the issuing 23 authority shall [verify]:

(1) **VERIFY** through the [office] **OFFICE** of the Comptroller that the applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; **AND**

(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A)
 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY THROUGH
 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT
 IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

Article – Natural Resources

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1 1-402.

2 (a) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this section if the 3 license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period 4 immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a 5 substantially similar license.

6 (b) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the issuing 7 authority shall [verify]:

8 (1) VERIFY through the Office of the Comptroller that the applicant has 9 paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the 10 Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for payment in a 11 manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; AND

12 (2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A) 13 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY THROUGH 14 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT 15 IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

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Article – Tax – General

17 1-205.

18 (a) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this section if the 19 license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period 20 immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a 21 substantially similar license.

22 (b) Before any license or permit issued by the Comptroller may be renewed, the 23 Comptroller shall:

(1) verify that the applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; AND

(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A) OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

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Article – Transportation

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1 (a) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this section if the 2 license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period 3 immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a 4 substantially similar license.

5 (b) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the issuing 6 authority shall [verify]:

7 (1) VERIFY through the Office of the Comptroller that the applicant has 8 paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the 9 Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or that the applicant has provided for payment in a 10 manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection; AND

11 (2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ENTITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–101(A) 12 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE AND NOT A NATURAL PERSON, VERIFY THROUGH 13 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION THAT THE APPLICANT 14 IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 16 October 1, 2021.