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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Grounds for Discipline – Federal and Court Actions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the grounds for discipline by certain health occupations boards
4 to include being disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S.
5 Department of Veterans Affairs; altering the grounds for discipline of a naturopathic
6 doctor by the State Board of Physicians to include being convicted or disciplined by
7 a court of any state or country; and generally relating to the grounds for discipline
8 by health occupations boards.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article – Health Occupations

11 Section 2–101(a) and (c), 4–101(a) and (b), 5–101(a) and (b), 11–101(a) and (b),
12 12–101(a) and (d), 13–101(a) and (b), 14–101(a) and (b), 14–5A–01(a) and (c),
13 14–5B–01(a) and (d), 14–5C–01(a) and (c), 14–5D–01(a) and (e), 14–5E–01(a)
14 and (c), 14–5F–01(a) and (d), 14–5G–01(a) and (d), 15–101(a), (c), and (f),
15 16–101(a) and (b), 17–101(a) and (e), 18–101(a) and (b), 19–101(a) and (b), and
16 21–101(a) and (b)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – Health Occupations

21 Section 2–314(14), 4–315(a)(21) and (c)(6), 5–311(12), 11–313(20), 12–313(b)(24),
22 13–316(10), 14–404(a)(21), 14–5A–17(a)(17), 14–5B–14(a)(17),

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 14–5C–17(a)(18), 14–5D–14(a)(17), 14–5E–16(a)(18), 14–5G–18(a)(19),
 2 15–314(a)(21), 16–311(a)(21), 17–6A–19(10), 18–313(11), 19–311(9), and
 3 21–312(b)(7)

4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

6 BY repealing

7 Article – Health Occupations
 8 Section 14–5F–18(a)(5)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Health Occupations
 13 Section 14–5F–18(a)(5)
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 2–101.

20 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (c) “Board” means the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid
 22 Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists.

23 2–314.

24 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 2–315 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a
 25 license or limited license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a limited
 26 license, place any licensee or holder of a limited license on probation, or suspend or revoke
 27 a license or limited license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

28 (14) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state
 29 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED**
 30 **BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
 31 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this
 32 section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;**

33 4–101.

34 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Dental Examiners.

2 4-315.

3 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4-318 of this subtitle, the Board may
4 deny a general license to practice dentistry, a limited license to practice dentistry, or a
5 teacher's license to practice dentistry to any applicant, reprimand any licensed dentist,
6 place any licensed dentist on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of any licensed
7 dentist, if the applicant or licensee:

8 (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state
9 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED**
10 **BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
11 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
12 Board's disciplinary statutes;

13 (c) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4-318 of this subtitle, the Board may
14 deny a general license to practice dental hygiene, a teacher's license to practice dental
15 hygiene, or a temporary license to practice dental hygiene to any applicant, reprimand any
16 licensed dental hygienist, place any licensed dental hygienist on probation, or suspend or
17 revoke the license of any licensed dental hygienist, if the applicant or licensee:

18 (6) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state
19 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED**
20 **BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
21 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
22 Board's disciplinary statutes;

23 5-101.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Dietetic Practice.

26 5-311.

27 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 5-312 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
28 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
29 applicant, reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or
30 licensee:

31 (12) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state
32 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any other state or country, **OR**
33 **DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S.**
34 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
35 action under [this section] **THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

1 11–101.

2 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

4 11–313.

5 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 11–315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
6 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
7 applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a
8 license if the applicant or licensee:

9 (20) Has had a license to practice optometry denied, suspended or revoked
10 in another state, **OR HAS BEEN DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED**
11 **SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act which would
12 be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY**
13 **STATUTES**;

14 12–101.

15 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (d) “Board” means the State Board of Pharmacy.

17 12–313.

18 (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12–315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
19 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
20 applicant for a pharmacist’s license, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on
21 probation, or suspend or revoke a license of a pharmacist if the applicant or licensee:

22 (24) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
23 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED BY**
24 **ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
25 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
26 Board’s disciplinary statutes;

27 13–101.

28 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

29 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

30 13–316.

1 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 13–317 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a
2 license or restricted license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a
3 restricted license, place any licensee or holder of a restricted license on probation, or
4 suspend or revoke a license or restricted license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

5 (10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
6 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any
7 branch of the uniformed services or **[Veterans Administration] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
9 Board’s disciplinary statutes;

10 14–101.

11 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Physicians.

13 14–404.

14 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary
15 panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may
16 reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if
17 the licensee:

18 (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or
19 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any branch of the uniformed
20 services or the **[Veterans’ Administration] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**,
21 for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under **[this section] THE BOARD’S**
22 **DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

23 14–5A–01.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (c) “Committee” means the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee established
26 under § 14–5A–05 of this subtitle.

27 14–5A–17.

28 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
29 on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
30 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
31 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

1 (17) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or
2 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the
3 uniformed services or the [Veterans' Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
4 **AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's
5 disciplinary statutes;

6 14-5B-01.

7 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (d) "Committee" means the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine
9 Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee of the Board.

10 14-5B-14.

11 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
12 on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
13 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
14 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

15 (17) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or
16 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or is disciplined by any branch of the
17 uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be
18 grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

19 14-5C-01.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (c) "Committee" means the Polysomnography Advisory Committee established
22 under § 14-5C-05 of this subtitle.

23 14-5C-17.

24 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
25 on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
26 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
27 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

28 (18) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or
29 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or is disciplined by any branch of the
30 uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be
31 grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

32 14-5D-01.

1 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (e) “Committee” means the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee established
3 under § 14–5D–04 of this subtitle.

4 14–5D–14.

5 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
6 on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
7 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
8 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

9 (17) Is disciplined by a licensing, certifying, or disciplinary authority or is
10 convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch
11 of the uniformed services or the [Veterans Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
12 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this
13 section] **THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

14 14–5E–01.

15 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (c) “Committee” means the Perfusion Advisory Committee established under §
17 14–5E–05 of this subtitle.

18 14–5E–16.

19 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
20 on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
21 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
22 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

23 (18) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or
24 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the
25 uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be
26 grounds for disciplinary action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

27 14–5F–01.

28 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

29 (d) “Committee” means the Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee.

30 14–5F–18.

1 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
2 on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
3 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
4 suspend or revoke a license of any licensee if the applicant or licensee:

5 [(5) Has a license revoked or suspended, or was otherwise acted against,
6 including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state;]

7 **(5) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING, CERTIFYING, OR DISCIPLINARY**
8 **AUTHORITY OR IS CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR**
9 **COUNTRY, OR DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE**
10 **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS**
11 **FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE BOARD’S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;**

12 14–5G–01.

13 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

14 (d) “Committee” means the Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee.

15 14–5G–18.

16 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel,
17 on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a
18 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or
19 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

20 (19) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or
21 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or [is] disciplined by any branch of the
22 uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for an act that would be
23 grounds for disciplinary action under the Board’s disciplinary statutes;

24 15–101.

25 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (c) “Board” means the State Board of Physicians, established under § 14–201 of
27 this article.

28 (f) “Committee” means the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee.

29 15–314.

30 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15–315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary
31 panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum, may reprimand any physician

1 assistant, place any physician assistant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the
2 physician assistant:

3 (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or
4 disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any branch of the uniformed
5 services or the [Veterans' Administration] **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,**
6 for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under [this section] **THE BOARD'S**
7 **DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;**

8 16–101.

9 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

11 16–311.

12 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16–313 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
13 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or a limited
14 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a limited license, impose an
15 administrative monetary penalty not exceeding \$50,000 on any licensee or holder of a
16 limited license, place any licensee or holder of a limited license on probation, or suspend or
17 revoke a license or a limited license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

18 (21) Has been disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state
19 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by
20 any branch of the uniformed services or the [United States Veterans Administration] **U.S.**
21 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,** for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
22 action under [this section] **THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;**

23 17–101.

24 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (e) “Board” means the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

26 17–6A–19.

27 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 17–6A–21 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
28 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any
29 applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a
30 license of any licensee if the applicant or licensee:

31 (10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
32 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any
33 branch of the uniformed services or the [United States Veterans Administration] **U.S.**

1 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
2 action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

3 18-101.

4 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

5 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

6 18-313.

7 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 18-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
8 affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or
9 registration to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or registrant, place any licensee or
10 registrant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or registration of any licensee or
11 registrant if the applicant, licensee, or registrant:

12 (11) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or
13 country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, or disciplined by any
14 branch of the uniformed services or the [United States Veterans Administration] **U.S.**
15 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
16 action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;

17 19-101.

18 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

20 19-311.

21 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a
22 license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on
23 probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

24 (9) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state[,] **OR**
25 country[, or branch of the armed services, or the Veterans' Administration] **OR**
26 **CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR**
27 **DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S.**
28 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary
29 action under [this section] **THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES**;

30 21-101.

31 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

2 21-312.

3 (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 21-313 of this subtitle, the Board, on the
4 affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may deny any applicant
5 licensure, reprimand any licensee, or place any individual who is licensed on probation, or
6 suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:

7 (7) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state
8 or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country, **OR DISCIPLINED**
9 **BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**
10 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**, for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the
11 Board's disciplinary statutes;

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.