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## CHAPTER 109

(House Bill 139)

AN ACT concerning

Physicians - Registration

FOR the purpose of providing for reregistration every third year; providing certain penalties for failure to register; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health Section 128 and 136(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 128 and 136(b) of Article 43 — Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 43 - Health

128.

- (a) Physicians licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Maryland shall register with the Board. The registration shall be a permanent record of the Board entitled "Registry of Physicians."
- (b) The Registry shall be a public record and be evidence to the same extent as are Land Records.
- (c) The Board shall provide for reregistration not less than every [second] THIRD year. The Board may establish mandatory continuing education requirements for physicians licensed in this State as a condition to their being reregistered in accordance with this section. In establishing such requirements, the Board shall recognize and give weight to existing educational methods, procedures, devices and programs in use among the various medical specialities and other recognized medical groups. The Board shall not establish or enforce such requirements if they will reduce the availability of physicians in a community to an extent that adequate medical care is jeopardized.