

The present provisions of Art. 32 that govern dentistry provide that, as a requisite to practicing in this State, a licensee must be both licensed and registered. The statutes then provide for periodic reregistration, i.e., periodic registration renewal. On analysis, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code has found that these provisions serve no substantive purpose that could not be accomplished more directly by the pattern followed for the licensing of most other health occupations. That pattern simply requires that the practitioner be licensed and periodically renew the license. It is superfluous to specify an auxiliary procedure under which the practitioner also must be registered to practice and which then substitutes a periodic reregistration requirement for the periodic license renewal requirement.

It is a precept of the Commission to revise the law in a clear, straightforward manner, and, once something is said, to say it the same way each time it subsequently is said. To obtain clarity and consistency and to avoid the superfluous and misleading aspects of the present references, throughout this title all references to the requirement that a licensee must be registered are deleted and references to periodic license renewal are substituted for all references to periodic reregistration. These are changes in form only; no change in substance is intended.

Present Art. 32, § 3A, which provides that the Board may not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, sex, or national origin, is deleted as unnecessary in light of provisions in the U.S. Constitution and the Maryland Declaration of Rights. In addition, it is deleted to avoid creating the false impression, from the absence of a corresponding provision, that any other board or commission addressed in this article may discriminate against any person on any of the enumerated bases.

Present Art. 32, § 10, which provides that transcripts and certificates shall be evidence of the acts and proceedings of the Board in any court of this State, is deleted as unnecessary in light of CJ §§ 10-102 and 10-204, which provide generally for use of records in courts.

Present Art. 32, § 11(n), which provides that Art. 32, §§ 11 and 12 are not retroactive, is deleted as unnecessary. In the absence of language expressly giving a statute that affects vested rights retroactive effect, the statute will not be applied retrospectively to affect vested rights. See Cooper v. Wicomico County, 278 Md. 596 (1976).

Present Art. 32, § 19, which deals with compensation for services performed for an insured under a health and accident policy, is deleted as needlessly repetitive of Art. 48A, § 490A-1 of the Code.

Present Art. 32, § 22 is deleted as unnecessary. The first sentence of this section, which states the duty of the