

CHAPTER 582

(Senate Bill 931)

AN ACT concerning

Physicians - Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of altering the prohibitions as to use of certain terms by certain persons to represent that the person practices medicine; and specifying exceptions as to when certain individuals may use the term "physician" to describe the occupation of the individual.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-702

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1981)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1981) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

14-702.

(a) Unless authorized to practice medicine under this title, a person may not represent to the public, [by title,] by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this State.

(b) [Unless authorized to practice under this title, a person may not use the words or terms "Dr.", "Doctor", or "M.D." with the intent to represent that the person practices medicine.] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN ~~SUBSECTION--(c)--OF--THIS--SECTION~~ THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE, A PERSON MAY NOT USE THE WORDS OR TERMS "DR.", "DOCTOR", "PHYSICIAN", OR "M.D." WITH THE INTENT TO REPRESENT THAT THE PERSON PRACTICES MEDICINE, UNLESS THE PERSON IS:

(1) LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE UNDER THIS TITLE;