

CHAPTER 8

(House Bill 1)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations

FOR the purpose of adding a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the "Health Occupations Article", to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of this State relating and pertaining to certain health occupations, including audiology, chiropractic, dentistry, electrology, funeral directing and embalming, mortuary science, midwifery, nursing, nursing home administrators, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physical therapy, medicine, podiatry, social work, speech pathology, and practice as a certified psychologist or sanitarian; reorganizing and standardizing the structure of the laws relating to these health occupations; conforming language and certain provisions relating and pertaining to the licensing, registration, and certification of certain persons who practice these health occupations and certain establishments where these occupations are practiced; revising, restating and recodifying the laws relating and pertaining to the regulatory boards for these health occupations and the Commission on Medical Discipline; relating to the appointment, qualifications, oaths, compensation, tenure, and removal of members of the Commission and boards; relating to quorum requirements, meetings, powers, duties, and other administrative provisions for the Commission and boards; changing the names of certain of these boards; relating to the scope of practice within these health occupations and exemptions for practicing these health occupations under certain circumstances; relating to the qualifications and examinations of applicants for licenses, certifications, and permits; relating to the issuance, scope, term, renewal, reinstatement, and display of licenses, permits, and certifications; relating to denial of applications, disciplinary procedures, and appeals; with respect to these and related matters, generally providing for definitions, exemptions, procedures, rights and remedies, prohibitions, and civil and criminal penalties, and for the supervisory and regulatory authority of the Commission and health occupations boards; adding or revising short titles for each of the laws concerning these health occupations; generally relating to the powers and duties of the Commission and health occupations boards and to all other matters relating to these health occupations; repealing