

14-801. SHORT TITLE.

THIS TITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT".

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to conform to similar sections in other titles of this article and to provide a convenient reference to this title.

Note that the caption to this title is "Physicians" but the short title is the "Maryland Medical Practice Act", since the latter title reflects the most commonly accepted reference in the profession.

14-802. TERMINATION OF TITLE.

SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND REESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATORY PROGRAMS EVALUATION ACT OF 1978, THIS TITLE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER JULY 1, 1983.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived in part from Art. 43, § 136D.

Present Art. 43, § 136D appears on its face to provide that only present Art. 43, §§ 120 through 128 will be of no effect after a particular date, thus leaving present Art. 43, §§ 119 and 129, 130, 130A, 134, 134A, 136(a), except items (1) and (4), 136A, and 136C in full force. However, in practice, if present Art. 43, §§ 120 through 128 were repealed, some of the remaining sections would be unable to stand on their own. In addition, an anomalous situation would exist, there would remain a disciplining agency, i.e., the Commission on Medical Discipline, but the licensing board would no longer exist. In effect, there would be no licensed physicians to discipline. To avoid this potential source of confusion, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code has revised this section to state expressly what the present law only implies -- i.e., this entire title is covered by the scope of this section.

As to the Regulatory Programs Evaluation Act of 1978, see Art. 41, § 484 et seq. of the Code.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE:

The present provisions of Art. 43 that govern the practice of medicine provide that before a physician may practice in this State, the physician must be both licensed and registered. The statutes then provide for periodic