(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health Occupations

9–301.

(a)   Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice as a nursing home administrator in this State.

(b)   (1)   [Except] SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a licensee leaves or is removed from a position as a nursing home administrator by death or for any other unexpected cause, the owner of the nursing home or other appropriate nursing home authority shall immediately:

(I)   designate a licensed nursing home administrator to serve in that capacity; AND

(II)   NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THE DESIGNATED LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME.

(2)   (i)   In the event a nursing home administrator is not available, the owner or other appropriate nursing home authority may appoint a nonlicensed person to serve in the capacity of acting nursing home administrator for a period not to exceed 90 days.

(ii)   The owner or other appropriate nursing home authority shall immediately notify the Board of the appointment and forward the credentials of the person appointed to the Board for evaluation to assure that the person appointed is experienced, trained, and competent.

(iii)   The 90–day period begins on the date that the licensee leaves or is removed from the position as a nursing home administrator.

(iv)   The Board may extend the 90–day period for a further period of not more than 30 days.

9–312.1.

(A)   IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE AS A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE LICENSED SUBSEQUENTLY AS A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR ON INACTIVE STATUS, RETAINING THE LICENSEE'S ORIGINAL LICENSE NUMBER.

(B)   (1)   THE BOARD SHALL PLACE A LICENSEE ON INACTIVE STATUS IF THE LICENSEE SUBMITS TO THE BOARD:

(I)   AN APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE STATUS ON THE FORM REQUIRED BY THE BOARD; AND