

~~(3) -- BY JULY 17, 1986, EACH CURRENTLY EMPLOYED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF AN APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE LICENSING BOARD.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Examiners of Nurses, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the State Board of Medical Examiners, and the State Board of Podiatry Examiners to require that an applicant for a license to practice certain health occupations demonstrate an oral competency in the English language; providing that graduation from certain schools is acceptable as proof of proficiency in the English language; providing for a certain effective date; and generally relating to English communication proficiency by certain health professionals.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations  
Section 7-302(f), 13-302(e), 14-305(g), and 15-302(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

7-302.

(F) (1) THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE AS PART OF ITS EXAMINATION OR LICENSING PROCEDURES THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING OR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING DEMONSTRATE AN ORAL COMPETENCY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

(2) GRADUATION FROM A RECOGNIZED, ENGLISH SPEAKING, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL IS ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN THE ORAL COMMUNICATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

13-302.

(E) (1) THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE AS PART OF ITS EXAMINATION OR LICENSING PROCEDURES THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY OR LIMITED PHYSICAL THERAPY DEMONSTRATE AN ORAL COMPETENCY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

(2) GRADUATION FROM A RECOGNIZED, ENGLISH SPEAKING, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL IS ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN THE ORAL COMMUNICATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

14-305.