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.

- (G) (1) THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE AS PART OF ITS EXAMINATION OR LICENSING PROCEDURES THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE 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.

15-302.