

Therefore, for the above reasons, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 922.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 922

AN ACT concerning

Board of Public Accountancy - Continuing  
Education Requirement

FOR the purpose of restating the continuing education requirement for Certified Public Accountants to conform with the registration renewal periods; specifying that continuing education requirements do not apply until after the initial registration period; and generally relating to continuing education requirements for Certified Public Accountants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 75A - Public Accountancy  
Section 3(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 75A - Public Accountancy

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(f) (1) [The applicant must complete a minimum of 40 hours of acceptable continuing education in each calendar year after initial registration.] AFTER THE INITIAL BIENNIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD, EACH CERTIFICATE HOLDER MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF ~~80~~ 70 HOURS OF ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. All hours in excess of the [40] ~~80~~ 70 hours required for [one year] RENEWAL can be carried forward to apply as credit to the [40-hour requirements] ~~80-HOUR~~ 70-HOUR REQUIREMENT of the following two years.

(2) [(i) The Board may approve for satisfying the attendance requirement] ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD AND MAY INCLUDE:

(I) PARTICIPATION in professional development programs[,];