

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

not want to lose the multi-cultural richness that has blessed this State and the nation.

For the above reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 91.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 91

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Providers - English Language Competency

FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Board of Dental Examiners, State Board of Pharmacy, State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, and State Board of Social Work Examiners require that an applicant for a license to practice certain health occupations demonstrate certain oral competency as a condition of licensing; defining oral competency; providing that graduation from certain schools is acceptable as proof of proficiency in the English language; requiring that certain boards, including the State Board of Dental Examiners, State Board of Examiners of Nurses, State Board of Pharmacy, State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, State Board of Medical Examiners, State Board of Podiatry Examiners, State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, and State Board of Social Work Examiners, develop regulations to test the oral competency of certain speech impaired individuals; requiring certain health occupations boards to require an oral competency test of certain licensees who are involved in certain disciplinary actions; and generally relating to proficiency in the oral communication of the English language by certain health care providers.

BY renumbering

Article - Health Occupations
Section 1-101(g) through (k), respectively
to be Section 1-101(h) through (l), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations
Section 1-101(g), 4-302(i), 12-302(f), 16-302(h), and
18-302(h)