

VETOES

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations
Section 7-302(f), 13-302(e), 14-305(g), and 15-302(g)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 1-101(g) through (k), respectively, of Article - Health Occupations of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 1-101(h) through (l), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

1-101.

(G) "ORAL COMPETENCY" MEANS GENERAL ENGLISH SPEAKING PROFICIENCY AS EVIDENCED BY ACHIEVEMENT OF A PASSING SCORE OBTAINED ON A BOARD APPROVED STANDARDIZED TEST.

4-302.

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

(2) GRADUATION FROM A RECOGNIZED ENGLISH SPEAKING UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL AFTER AT LEAST 3 YEARS OF ENROLLMENT, OR FROM A RECOGNIZED ENGLISH SPEAKING PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL IS ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN THE ORAL COMMUNICATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) BY REGULATION, THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR TESTING INDIVIDUALS WHO BECAUSE OF THEIR SPEECH IMPAIRMENT ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE SATISFACTORILY A BOARD APPROVED STANDARDIZED TEST OF ORAL COMPETENCY.

(4) IF ANY DISCIPLINARY CHARGES OR ACTION THAT INVOLVES A PROBLEM WITH COMMUNICATION ARE BROUGHT AGAINST A LICENSEE UNDER THIS TITLE, THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE THE LICENSEE TO TAKE AND PASS A BOARD APPROVED STANDARDIZED TEST OF ORAL COMPETENCY.