

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department, on or before January 1 of each year, shall submit a report to the Legislative Policy Committee that contains the following information for the previous year:

1. The number of physicians investigated under each of the disciplinary grounds enumerated under § 14-504 of the Health Occupations Article;

2. The average length of time spent investigating allegations brought against physicians under each of the disciplinary grounds enumerated under § 14-504 of the Health Occupations Article;

~~3. The number of extensions granted from the time limitations established in this Act for completing preliminary investigations and the reasons for granting those extensions;~~

4. 3. The number of cases not completed within 6 months 1 year and the reasons for the failure to complete the cases in 6 months 1 year;

5. 4. The number of physicians who were reprimanded or placed on probation, or who had their licenses suspended or revoked;

6. 5. The number of unresolved allegations pending before the Board;

7. 6. The number and nature of allegations filed with the Board concerning cardiac rescue technicians, aviation trauma technicians, emergency medical technicians, medical radiation technicians, and physician assistants; and

8. 7. The adequacy of current Board staffing in meeting the workload of the Board.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the time limitations frames for investigating--and completing the disposition of complaints that set forth allegations of grounds for disciplinary or other action established under the Health Occupations Article, § 14-501(h) of this Act are directory to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance and may not be construed as a defense or bar to a complaint or any action on a complaint against a licensee in any proceedings arising out of this Act.

SECTION -3-- 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, shall propose a plan of correction to change references throughout the Annotated Code to the State Board of