

number and types of areas of shortage and the projected statewide employment vacancy rates at hospitals and related institutions; requiring certain boards and commissions to provide the Secretary with certain information; and generally relating to estimates of employment vacancy rates at hospitals and related institutions.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations
Section 1-204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

1-204.

(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "HEALTH OCCUPATION" MEANS ~~ANY--HEALTH--CARE PROFESSIONAL~~ NURSES, CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS, HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS, AND RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS WHO ARE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) "HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION" MEANS A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(3) "AREA OF SHORTAGE" MEANS THOSE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, ~~INCLUDING NURSING,~~ FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT VACANCY RATE AT HOSPITALS OR RELATED INSTITUTIONS EXCEEDS 7 PERCENT.

(B) EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) SURVEY HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS FOR AREAS OF SHORTAGE; AND

(2) PROJECT FOR EACH OF THE SUBSEQUENT 5 YEARS:

(I) AVERAGE STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT VACANCY RATES EXPECTED IN AREAS OF SHORTAGE; AND

(II) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM PROGRAMS LEADING TO LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION IN