

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations
Section 7-302(f), 13-302(e), 14-305(g), and 15-302(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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.

7-302.

(f) (1) The Board shall require as part of its examination or licensing procedures that an applicant for a license to practice registered nursing or licensed practical nursing 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 THE ORAL COMMUNICATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 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.

13-302.

(e) (1) The Board shall require as part of its examination or licensing procedures that an applicant for a license to