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~~THE DEPARTMENT. HEALTH--OCCUPATION"--MEANS--ANY---HEALTH---CARE
PROFESSIONAL--LICENSED--UNDER--THIS--ARTICLE.~~

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

~~(3)~~(2) "AREA OF SHORTAGE" MEANS THOSE--HEALTH OCCUPATIONS,--INCLUDING--NURSES, NURSING--OCCUPATIONS THOSE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT VACANCY RATE AT HOSPITALS OR RELATED INSTITUTIONS EXCEEDS 7 PERCENT.

(B) (1) EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY BOARD SECRETARY SHALL:

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

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

1. AVERAGE STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT VACANCY RATES EXPECTED IN AREAS OF SHORTAGE; AND

2. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM PROGRAMS LEADING TO LICENSURE IN THOSE AREAS OF SHORTAGE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY APPROPRIATE STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS.

(C) EACH BOARD OR COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL PROVIDE THE SECRETARY WITH ANY INFORMATION THE SECRETARY MAY REQUIRE TO CONDUCT THE ACTIVITIES UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

~~(e)--EACH--BOARD--OR--COMMISSION--ESTABLISHED--UNDER--THIS--ARTICLE SHALL--PROVIDE--THE--SECRETARY--WITH--ANY--INFORMATION--THE--SECRETARY MAY--REQUIRE--TO--CONDUCT--THE--ACTIVITIES--UNDER--SUBSECTION--(B)--OF THIS--SECTION.~~

~~(b)~~(d) EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY BOARD SECRETARY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES ON THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF AREAS OF SHORTAGE AND THE PROJECTED STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT VACANCY RATES IN HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988. It shall remain effective for a period of four years and, at the end of June 30, 1992, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.