

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 1)

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations

FOR the purpose of adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the "Business Occupations Article", to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of this State relating and pertaining to certain business occupations, including accountancy, architecture, barbering, bay piloting, cosmetology, practice as a master electrician, forestry, hearing aid dealing, landscape architecture, lawyering, plumbing, practice as a private detective, a private detective agency, or security guard, professional engineering, professional land surveying, property line surveying, and real estate brokering; reorganizing and standardizing the structure of the laws relating to these business occupations; conforming language and certain provisions relating and pertaining to the licensing, registration, and certification of certain persons who practice these business occupations and the issuance of permits for certain establishments and businesses where these occupations are practiced; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws relating and pertaining to the regulatory boards and commissions for these business occupations, the regulatory powers of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, and the authority of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation; relating to the appointment, qualifications, oaths, compensation, tenure, and removal of members of the boards and commissions; relating to quorum requirements, meetings, powers, duties, and other administrative provisions for the boards and commissions; changing the names of certain of these boards; relating to the scope of practice within these business occupations and exemptions for practicing these business occupations under certain circumstances; relating to the qualifications and examinations of applicants for licenses, certifications, and permits; relating to the issuance, scope, term, renewal, reinstatement, and display of licenses, permits, and certifications; relating to denial of applications, disciplinary procedures, and appeals with respect to these and related matters; generally providing for definitions, exemptions, procedures, rights and remedies, prohibitions, and civil and criminal penalties, and for the supervisory and regulatory authority of the business occupations boards and commissions, the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, and the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation; generally relating to the powers and duties of the business occupations boards and commissions and their members; amending and transferring to other articles of certain miscellaneous provisions including ones relating to termination of attorney's appearance, practice by certain orphans' court judges, and preparation