

CHAPTER 516

(House Bill 1034)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physician Quality Assurance – Licensure of Respiratory Care Practitioners

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance (Board) to adopt regulations for the licensure and practice of respiratory care practitioners; defining certain terms; providing that this Act does not limit the rights of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; authorizing the Board to set certain fees; establishing the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee (Committee) within the Board; specifying the membership, powers, and duties of the Committee; establishing the terms of and requirements for certain members of the Committee; requiring an individual to be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice respiratory care; creating certain exceptions; specifying the qualifications for certain licenses; specifying application procedures for certain licenses; authorizing the issuance and renewal of certain licenses; authorizing certain licensed individuals to perform certain acts; providing for the expiration and renewal of certain licenses; establishing certain grounds for discipline; requiring the Board to provide certain hearing procedures before certain individuals may be disciplined under this Act; prohibiting certain acts; making certain exceptions; establishing certain penalties; *providing for the construction of this Act*; and generally relating to the licensure of individuals to practice respiratory care in this State.

BY repealing

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-507

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-405 and 14-408

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-5A-01 through 14-5A-24, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
“Subtitle 5A. Respiratory Care Practitioners”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,