

(3) Each local licensing board is responsible for enforcing this section, including the penalty provision.

(4) (i) A certificate of completion shall be issued for each completion of a certified program and it shall be valid for 4 years from the date of issuance.

(ii) An up-to-date valid certificate shall be presented to the proper authority upon request.

(5) (i) Within 5 days after a licensee or an employee of a licensee is sent a certificate of completion, the program provider shall inform the appropriate local licensing board of:

1. The individual's name, address, and certification date; and
2. The name and address of the licensed establishment.

(ii) Any program provider who violates the provisions of this subsection is subject to a decertification of the program by the State Comptroller.

(f) (1) This section may not be construed to create or enlarge any civil cause of action or criminal proceeding against a licensee.

(2) Evidence of a violation of this section may not be introduced in any civil or criminal proceeding, but may only be used as evidence before the local licensing board in actions brought before the board for violations of this section.

(g) The Comptroller may issue regulations to set standards and requirements pertaining to course content, course duration, course format and any other course related activities the Comptroller may require.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act is contingent on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be void. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 above, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

CHAPTER 538

(House Bill 1305)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education/Business Partnerships Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the University of Maryland System, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College, under the direction of the Governor and in