BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Health Occupations
    Section 12–302
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health Occupations

12–302.

(a)   To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b)   The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c)   The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

(d)   The applicant shall:

        (1)   Be a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy that is approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education; and

        (2)   Have completed the clinical pharmacy training that the Board requires.

(e)   Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the Board under this subtitle.

(F)   (1)   IN THIS SUBSECTION, "FOREIGN SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF PHARMACY" MEANS A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF PHARMACY THAT IS NOT LOCATED IN ANY STATE IN THE UNITED STATES.

        (2)   THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS A GRADUATE OF A FOREIGN SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, PROVIDED THAT THE APPLICANT PASSES AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN ADDITION TO THE EXAMINATIONS OTHERWISE GIVEN BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(G)   (1)   THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE, AS PART OF ITS EXAMINATION OR LICENSING PROCEDURES, AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE PHARMACY TO DEMONSTRATE AN ORAL COMPETENCY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BY PASSING A BOARD APPROVED STANDARDIZED TEST OF ORAL COMPETENCY.

        (2)   THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR TESTING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECAUSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SPEECH OR HEARING IMPAIRMENT IS UNABLE TO COMPLETE SATISFACTORILY A BOARD APPROVED STANDARDIZED TEST OF ORAL COMPETENCY.

        (3)   IF ANY DISCIPLINARY CHARGE OR ACTION THAT RELATES TO A PROBLEM WITH THE ORAL COMMUNICATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS