

THIS TITLE ARE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN DEROGATION OF ANY POWER EXISTING IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY UNDER ANY CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY, OR CHARTER PROVISIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 540

(House Bill 1323)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Physician Assistants – Medication Orders

FOR the purpose of authorizing a physician assistant to write medication orders under an approved job description and in accordance with certain provisions of law; prohibiting a physician from delegating the authority to write medication orders to certain students; authorizing the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (Board) to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to write medication orders under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a physician assistant who has been approved to write medication orders from writing medication orders for certain controlled dangerous substances unless the physician assistant meets certain requirements; requiring the Board to provide a certain list to certain pharmacies and to the Board of Pharmacy; requiring an applicant for a physician assistant license who graduates from a certain training program after a certain date to have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent; defining certain terms; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to physician assistants and the authority to write medication orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 15-101 and 15-301 through 15-303

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

15-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance, established under § 14-201 of this article.