

generally relating to the practice of acupuncture, podiatry, and social work.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 1A-309, 16-312, and 19-311

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 1A-310(f), 1A-314, 1A-315, 16-314(g), 16-319, 16-320, 19-312(f),
19-316, and 19-317

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

Article - Health Occupations

1A-309.

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 1A-310 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may DENY A LICENSE TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE TO ANY APPLICANT, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:

- (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another;
- (2) Fraudulently or deceptively:
 - (i) Uses a license; or
 - (ii) Solicits or advertises;
- (3) Is guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct in the practice of acupuncture;
- (4) Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent;
- (5) Provides professional services while:
 - (i) Under the influence of alcohol; or
 - (ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as defined in Article 27 of the Code, or other drug that is in excess of therapeutic amounts or without a valid medical indication;
- (6) Knowingly violates any provision of this title or any rule or regulation of the Board adopted under this title;