

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

~~Article — Health — General~~~~19-310.~~

~~(a) (1) To qualify for a license, an applicant and the hospital or related institution to be operated shall meet the requirements of this section.~~

~~(2) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, A NURSING FACILITY SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 19-310.3 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~19-310.3.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "LICENSED PERSONNEL" MEANS:~~

~~(1) A REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE; OR~~

~~(2) A PRACTICAL NURSE WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE.~~

~~(B) A NURSING FACILITY SHALL EMPLOY STAFF SUFFICIENT IN NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS TO MEET THE SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED NURSING CARE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS.~~

~~(C) TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A NURSING FACILITY SHALL:~~

~~(1) ESTABLISH AND EMPLOY REGISTERED NURSES WHO ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:~~

~~(I) A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF NURSING;~~

~~(II) FOR NURSING FACILITIES WITH 100 BEDS OR MORE, A FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING;~~

~~(III) NURSING SUPERVISORS ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK; AND~~

~~(IV) A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR TO SUPERVISE THE IN-SERVICE EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER § 19-310.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

~~(2) MAINTAIN A RATIO OF LICENSED PERSONNEL TO RESIDENTS OF NO FEWER THAN:~~

~~(I) ONE LICENSED PERSONNEL TO 15 RESIDENTS DURING THE MORNING SHIFT;~~

~~(II) ONE LICENSED PERSONNEL TO 25 RESIDENTS DURING THE AFTERNOON SHIFT; AND~~