

(iii) Is not being investigated by a disciplinary authority of another state, does not have charges pending against the applicant's license, and has not been disciplined by a disciplinary or licensing authority of any other state or country, or been convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under § 4-315 of this subtitle; and

(iv) Has not previously failed an examination for licensure as a dental hygienist in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 143

(House Bill 343)

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals - HIV Testing - Health Care Providers and First Responders

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals in a hospital to order tests to be conducted in a certain manner and in accordance with certain recommendations on blood samples or other body fluids of certain individuals for the presence of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) under certain circumstances; requiring a first responder to give certain notice to a certain medical director under a certain circumstance; requiring the medical director to act as a certain intermediary between the first responder and a certain officer; requiring the medical director and a certain officer to ensure that certain information is confidential; establishing a certain exception for HIV tests conducted under this Act to the requirement that informed consent be obtained before conducting an HIV test; requiring certain individuals to disclose the results of HIV tests conducted under this Act in a certain manner to certain individuals and provide counseling to certain individuals under certain circumstances; specifying the confidentiality of certain medical records and other information; requiring hospitals to adopt certain procedures; specifying the payment of costs for HIV tests conducted under this Act; providing for a certain limitation of liability for certain individuals under this Act; requiring the AIDS Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain groups, to conduct a certain study and make certain recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to conducting tests on blood samples or other body fluids of individuals in a hospital for the presence of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health - General