

(2) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY CIVIL PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE FUND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to prevent a physician assistant who, on or before January 1, 2002, was a participant in a board-approved delegation agreement that included delegation of medical acts involving general anesthesia from performing the terms of that agreement or modifications of that agreement or from performing medical acts involving general anesthesia under any future delegation agreement.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance, the Maryland State Board of Nursing, the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, the Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Maryland Society of Anesthesiologists, and the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants, shall meet in order to discuss a process by which physician assistants can administer general anesthesia. The State Board of Physician Quality Assurance shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before April 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the topics discussed and progress made towards resolution of the issues related to the administration of general anesthesia by physician assistants propose regulations or legislation, with regard to the approval of delegation agreements by the Board of Physician Quality Assurance pertaining to the administration of anesthesia. This proposal shall include specifications regarding the education and training required before a physician assistant may administer anesthesia, both within the scope, and beyond the scope, of routine duties. The State Board of Physician Quality Assurance shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the topics discussed and progress made towards resolution of the issues related to the administration of anesthesia by physician assistants.

~~SECTION 2.~~ SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 375

(House Bill 534)

AN ACT concerning

Retirement and Pensions - Limitations on Benefits and Contributions

FOR the purpose of amending the compensation limits that are used to determine the retirement allowances of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System to reflect certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code; allowing