

~~a certain license under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to suspend or revoke a certain license under certain circumstances; providing for certain penalties for certain violations; altering certain definitions so as to exclude certain nursing referral services and certain nurse registries from certain provisions that regulate employment agencies, home health agencies, and residential service agencies; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to nursing referral services.~~

FOR the purpose of exempting certain nursing referral service agencies and certain nurse registries from certain definitions; providing for the scope of this Act; providing for the expiration of certain licenses under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke certain licenses; requiring a nursing referral service agency to obtain a license from the Department prior to operating certain agencies; requiring certain applicants to meet certain requirements; requiring certain agencies to institute a certain complaint investigation process; requiring a nursing referral service agency to apply for a certain criminal history records check or request a certain background check; establishing certain requirements for the criminal history records check and the background check; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting the regulations from precluding a nursing referral service agency from operating in a certain manner; requiring the Department to issue a certain license under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to suspend or revoke a certain license under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain individuals from operating certain agencies under certain circumstances; providing for certain penalties for certain violations; providing that the granting of a certain license does not constitute a finding of a certain fact and may not give rise to a certain presumption; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to nursing referral service agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 9-101(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-401(c) and 19-4A-01(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-4B-01 through ~~19-4B-04~~, 19-4B-06, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4B. Nursing Referral ~~Services~~ Service Agencies”

Annotated Code of Maryland