

~~certain clients of certain complaint procedures; prohibiting certain agencies from maintaining certain relationships with certain licensed health professionals; exempting certain agencies from the payment of certain compensation; authorizing the Department to inspect certain agencies; 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-09~~ 19-4B-06, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4B. Nursing Referral Service Agencies”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article – Business Regulation**

9-101.

(d) (1) “Employment agency” means a person who, for a fee:

(i) obtains, offers to obtain, or attempts to obtain: