

or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 270

(Senate Bill 406)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Nursing - Skilled Nursing Assistants - Establishment and Certification

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt regulations establishing categories of skilled nursing assistants ~~and~~ in certain settings; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing qualifications for each category of skilled nursing assistant; requiring certain skilled nursing assistants to meet certain requirements to qualify for certification; requiring skilled nursing assistants to meet certain additional requirements to renew a certification; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the certification of skilled nursing assistants by the State Board of Nursing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-6A-01, 8-6A-05, and 8-6A-08

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 - Health Occupations

8-6A-01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Approved nursing assistant training program" means a course of training that meets the basic nursing assistant curriculum prescribed and approved by the Board.
- (c) "Board" means the State Board of Nursing.
- (d) "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the Board to practice as a certified nursing assistant in the State.
- (e) "Certified medicine aide" means a geriatric nursing assistant who has completed a 60-hour, State-approved course in medication administration.