

State Board of Physicians - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain regulatory boards to investigate certain claims; continuing the State Board of Physicians in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; repealing a provision of law requiring the Board to elect a secretary-treasurer; authorizing the Board's executive director or other duly authorized agent or investigator of the Board to enter certain premises under certain circumstances; altering the percentages of certain fees required to be distributed in certain fiscal years from the Board to the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission for certain uses under certain circumstances; ~~requiring applicants for licensure by the Board to submit to a certain criminal history records check; prohibiting a certain applicant who has a certain disciplinary order in another state from qualifying for a license under certain circumstances; requiring certain applicants to submit certain fingerprints and certain fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services under certain circumstances; requiring the Central Repository to forward certain information to the Board and to certain applicants; providing that certain information is confidential and may be used only for certain purposes; authorizing certain subjects to contest certain contents of certain printed statements; requiring certain applicants for licensure to submit certain evidence to the Board; prohibiting the Board from issuing certain licenses if certain criminal history record information has not been received; authorizing the Board to impose a certain civil penalty *in lieu of certain sanctions* for a licensee's failure to obtain the required continuing medical education credits under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to develop a pilot program for continuing competency for licensed physicians that addresses a physician's ability to practice medicine; authorizing a certain pilot program to be implemented in a certain teaching hospital; authorizing the Board to provide technical assistance and financial support to a certain teaching hospital for a continuing competency pilot program; requiring the Board to issue a certain report on or before a certain date including certain information; altering the persons with which the Board must contract for peer review services; requiring the Board to obtain a certain number of peer review reports for certain allegations; altering certain qualifications a peer reviewer must meet; authorizing the Board to consult with certain societies to establish a list of physicians qualified to provide peer review services; authorizing the Board to use sole source procurement under certain circumstances; *prohibiting certain stays of challenges because of the selection of certain peer reviewers prior to certain filings*; repealing a provision requiring the Physician Rehabilitation~~