

made in the "Report on the Maryland Board of Physicians' Investigative Processes and Optimal Caseloads" on or before September 1, 2007.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2007, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall standardize job classifications for investigators at the State Board of Physicians by increasing the base salary grade to a Grade 16.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall designate a pool of administrative law judges in the Office of Administrative Hearings to hear cases referred to it by the State Board of Physicians.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall provide training at least annually to the personnel of the Office of Administrative Hearings in order to improve the quality and efficiency of the hearings in physician discipline cases. The training shall include medical terminology, medical ethics, and, to the extent practicable, descriptions of basic medical and surgical procedures currently in use.

SECTION 4. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Office of the Attorney General shall:

(1) review the process for the investigation of self-referral cases by the health occupations boards;

(2) recommend a revised investigative process for self-referral cases that includes the determination of investigative resources for the health occupations boards in the investigation of self-referral cases; and

(3) report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on their findings, recommendations, and any legislative or regulatory changes necessary to implement any recommended changes.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2008, regarding:

(1) how many complaints reviewed by two peer reviewers resulted in disagreement between the peer reviewers; and