

the Board to publish certain suspensions and revocations of licenses in the Maryland Register; requiring nursing staff agencies to verify that geriatric nursing assistants comply with certain regulations under certain circumstances; prohibiting nursing staff agencies from knowingly referring certain persons to health care facilities under certain circumstances; requiring nursing staff agencies to report certain actions or conditions to the Board under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions and immunity; defining certain terms; providing a certain penalty; and generally relating to nursing staff agencies.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-316(c) and 8-506

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

8-316.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL FILE A NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE EARLIEST PUBLICATION OF THE MARYLAND REGISTER OF EACH REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

8-506.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" MEANS A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(3) "INITIALLY PROVIDING OR REFERRING" MEANS THE FIRST TIME A NURSING STAFF AGENCY PROVIDES OR REFERS A PARTICULAR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE, REGISTERED NURSE, OR GERIATRIC NURSING ASSISTANT TO A HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

(4) "NURSING PERSONNEL" MEANS:

(I) ANY INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AS A:

1. LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE; OR
2. REGISTERED NURSE; OR