

study of the establishment of codes of conduct for health occupation board members and investigators.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That each health occupation board and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the recommendations of the August 25, 1997 report of the Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission concerning the establishment of codes of conduct for members of health occupation boards and the investigators assigned to those boards and determine how to implement those recommendations with as much uniformity among the health occupation boards as practicable. In addition, each health occupation board shall identify the changes to its statutory authority that would be necessary to establish and enforce a code of conduct. The health occupation boards and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before November 1, 1998, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, with the conclusions of their study.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 130

(Senate Bill 495)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupation Boards - Sexual Misconduct

FOR the purpose of requiring health occupation boards to adopt certain regulations prohibiting certain sexual misconduct; specifying that the commission of sexual misconduct shall serve as a basis for administrative prosecution by a health occupation board; requiring certain reporting by the health occupation boards and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to prohibition and discipline by health occupation boards of sexual misconduct.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 1-212

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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