

(i) occurs in the State or a state that is contiguous to the State; and

(ii)] is designated at Level II or above in the regulations and procedures of the National Office of the American Red Cross.

(c) An employee may use up to 15 days of disaster service leave in any 12-month period only after obtaining approval from the employee's appointing authority.

(d) For purposes of workers' compensation and the Maryland Tort Claims Act, while an employee is using disaster service leave, the employee is deemed not to be a State employee.

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

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 492

(House Bill 581)

AN ACT concerning

Nurses - Safe Nursing Practices

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Nursing to take certain actions against certain licensed nurses who perform acts beyond their knowledge, and skills, ~~and abilities~~; authorizing the Board to take certain actions against certain licensed nurses who direct other nurses to perform acts beyond their knowledge, and skills, ~~and abilities~~; authorizing the Board to take certain actions against certain licensed nurses who direct other nurses to delegate to individuals certain nursing tasks that are either nondelegable or beyond the individuals' knowledge, and skills, ~~and abilities~~; prohibiting a person from requiring certain licensed nurses to perform acts that are beyond the licensees' knowledge, and skills, ~~and abilities~~ or to delegate such acts; specifying certain penalties; and generally relating to the appropriate practices of certain licensed nurses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-316(a)(27) and (28) and 8-710

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-316(a)(29), (30), and (31) and 8-701(c) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland