

**CHAPTER 71**

**(House Bill 437)**

AN ACT concerning

**Nursing - Notification of Ownership, Name, or Address Change**

FOR the purpose of requiring that nursing staff agencies report ownership, name, and address changes to the State Board of Nursing within a certain time period; authorizing the Board to impose a certain ~~administrative fee~~ **fine** if the changes are not reported in the time period; and generally relating to ownership, name, or address changes of nursing staff agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 8-507

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:

**Article - Health Occupations**

8-507.

(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

(ii) A geriatric nursing assistant who complies with the provisions of § 19-308.1 of the Health - General Article for patient care personnel.

(5) (i) "Nursing staff agency" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other business entity engaged in the business of providing or referring nursing personnel to render temporary nursing services at a health care facility in the State.

(ii) "Nursing staff agency" does not include: