

HOUSE BILL 275

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By: **Delegates Queen, Angel, Frush, Korman, Luedtke, Patterson, and C. Wilson**
Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2017
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Recommended Courses in Military**
3 **Culture**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
5 consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide to certain health
6 occupations boards a list of recommended courses in military culture; and generally
7 relating to courses in military culture recommended by the Department of Health
8 and Mental Hygiene.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Health Occupations
11 Section 1–801
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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15 Article – Health Occupations
16 Section 1–802
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Health Occupations**

22 1–801.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) “Applicant” means an individual who applies for licensure to practice as a health care professional.

(c) “Board” means:

- (1) The State Board of Dental Examiners;
- (2) The State Board of Nursing;
- (3) The State Board of Examiners in Optometry;
- (4) The State Board of Pharmacy;
- (5) The State Board of Physicians;
- (6) The State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners;
- (7) The State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- (8) The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; and
- (9) The State Board of Social Work Examiners.

(d) “Health care professional” means:

- (1) A dentist licensed by the State Board of Dental Examiners;
- (2) A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed by the State Board of Nursing;
- (3) An optometrist licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Optometry;
- (4) A pharmacist licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy;
- (5) A physician licensed by the State Board of Physicians;
- (6) A podiatrist licensed by the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners;
- (7) An individual licensed by the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- (8) A psychologist licensed by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; and

(9) An associate social worker, a graduate social worker, a certified social worker, or a certified social worker–clinical licensed by the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

1–802.

(a) (1) The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities shall provide to each board a list of recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities, and health literacy.

(2) **THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH BOARD A LIST OF RECOMMENDED COURSES IN MILITARY CULTURE.**

(b) Each board shall:

(1) Post the list of recommended courses provided to the board under subsection (a) of this section prominently on the board’s Web site;

(2) Provide information about the recommended courses to health care professionals at the time of renewal of licensure; and

(3) Advertise the availability of the recommended courses in newsletters and any other media published by the board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.