

Chapter 499

(Senate Bill 503)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Occupations Boards – Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities –
~~Information Campaigns – Reporting~~**

FOR the purpose of requiring each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article to report an update on ~~the status of certain information campaigns designed~~ *certain efforts* to educate certain individuals regarding racial and ethnic health disparities to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to racial and ethnic health disparities.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, on or before January 1, 2018, each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Government Operations Committee an update on the ~~status of information campaigns and other outreach efforts designed~~ to educate individuals regulated under the health occupations board regarding:

- (1) reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities;
- (2) improving health literacy;
- (3) improving cultural and linguistic competency; and
- (4) achieving the goal of racial and ethnic health equity.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.