

SENATE BILL 244

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By: **Senators Nathan–Pulliam, Kelley, King, Montgomery, and Raskin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice – Renewal of Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice to stagger
4 the terms of certain licenses; providing that, before a certain date, a license to
5 practice occupational therapy or limited occupational therapy may be renewed for a
6 certain term; providing that, during a certain time period, a license expires on a date
7 set by the Board and may be renewed in a certain manner; requiring the Board to
8 renew licenses in a certain manner during a certain time period; providing that,
9 beginning on a certain date, a license expires on the date set by the Board unless the
10 license is renewed for a certain term; and generally relating to the renewal of licenses
11 by the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health Occupations

14 Section 10–311

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Health Occupations**

20 10–311.

21 (a) **(1) THE BOARD SHALL STAGGER THE TERMS OF LICENSES.**

22 **(2) [A] BEFORE JULY 1, 2016,** A license expires on a date set by the Board
23 [, unless the license is renewed for an additional term] **AND MAY BE RENEWED** as provided
24 in this section **FOR A TERM NOT LONGER THAN 2 YEARS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) (I) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2016, AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2017, A**
2 **LICENSE EXPIRES ON A DATE SET BY THE BOARD AND MAY BE RENEWED AS**
3 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.**

4 **(II) DURING THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH**
5 **(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE BOARD SHALL RENEW THE LICENSES OF LICENSEES**
6 **BORN IN YEARS ENDING WITH ODD NUMBERS FOR A 1-YEAR TERM AND THE**
7 **LICENSES OF LICENSEES BORN IN YEARS ENDING WITH EVEN NUMBERS FOR A**
8 **2-YEAR TERM.**

9 **(4) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, A LICENSE EXPIRES ON THE DATE SET**
10 **BY THE BOARD UNLESS THE LICENSE IS RENEWED FOR A 2-YEAR TERM AS**
11 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.**

12 (b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the
13 licensee, by electronic means or first-class mail to the last known electronic or physical
14 address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states:

15 (1) The date on which the current license expires;

16 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
17 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

18 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

19 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this title, before the license expires, the
20 licensee periodically may renew it for an additional term, if the licensee:

21 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

22 (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and

23 (3) Submits to the Board:

24 (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and

25 (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing
26 competency requirements and other qualifications and requirements set under this section
27 for license renewal.

28 (d) In addition to any other qualifications and requirements established by the
29 Board, the Board may establish continuing competency requirements as a condition to the
30 renewal of licenses under this section.

1 (e) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the
2 requirements of this section.

3 (f) The Board shall renew the license of an occupational therapist or an
4 occupational therapy assistant who has failed to renew the license for any reason if the
5 occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant:

6 (1) Applies for renewal within 30 days after the deadline for renewal;

7 (2) Meets the renewal requirements of this section;

8 (3) Pays to the Board the renewal fee set by the Board; and

9 (4) Pays to the Board the late fee set by the Board.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2015.