

# HOUSE BILL 1616

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By: **Delegate Kelly**

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 2020

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations Boards – Uniform Record–Keeping Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each health occupations board to request certain information  
4 from certain applicants and health care practitioners before issuing, renewing, or  
5 reinstating certain licenses, certificates, or registrations; requiring each health  
6 occupations board to post certain information on certain websites; requiring each  
7 health occupations board to provide an opportunity to certain applicants and health  
8 care practitioners to opt out of having certain information posted on certain websites;  
9 requiring health occupations boards to collaborate with the Maryland Department  
10 of Health and the Department of Information Technology to determine a certain  
11 method to collect and post certain information; defining certain terms; and generally  
12 relating to health occupations boards and record keeping.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Health Occupations

15 Section 1–225

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 **1–225.**

22 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
23 INDICATED.

24 (2) “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE A HEALTH  
2 OCCUPATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

3 (3) "HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD" MEANS A BOARD AUTHORIZED  
4 TO ISSUE A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

5 (B) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL REQUEST THE FOLLOWING  
6 INFORMATION FROM EACH APPLICANT OR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER BEFORE  
7 INITIALLY ISSUING OR SUBSEQUENTLY RENEWING OR REINSTATING A LICENSE,  
8 CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION:

9 (1) THE APPLICANT'S OR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S:

10 (I) NAME;

11 (II) ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE;

12 (III) TELEPHONE NUMBER;

13 (IV) E-MAIL ADDRESS; AND

14 (V) NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER;

15 (2) WHETHER THE PRACTICE AREA OF THE APPLICANT OR HEALTH  
16 CARE PRACTITIONER INCLUDES:

17 (I) PRIMARY CARE;

18 (II) PEDIATRIC CARE;

19 (III) OBSTETRICAL OR GYNECOLOGICAL CARE;

20 (IV) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE OR SERVICE; OR

21 (V) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE OR SERVICE;

22 (3) WHETHER THE APPLICANT OR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER  
23 INTENDS TO PRIMARILY:

24 (I) TREAT PATIENTS IN THE STATE;

25 (II) TREAT PATIENTS IN ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY;

1                   **(III) CONDUCT RESEARCH; OR**

2                   **(IV) REMAIN INACTIVE; AND**

3                   **(4) IF THE APPLICANT OR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER INDICATES**  
4 **AN INTENTION TO PRIMARILY TREAT PATIENTS IN THE STATE, FOR THE INTENDED**  
5 **PRIMARY PLACE OF PRACTICE:**

6                   **(I) THE NAME;**

7                   **(II) THE ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE;**

8                   **(III) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER;**

9                   **(IV) THE E-MAIL ADDRESS; AND**

10                   **(V) THE TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.**

11                   **(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH HEALTH**  
12 **OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL POST THE INFORMATION REQUESTED UNDER**  
13 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ON THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD'S WEBSITE**  
14 **IN A SEARCHABLE FORMAT.**

15                   **(2) EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL PROVIDE EACH**  
16 **APPLICANT AND HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF**  
17 **HAVING THE APPLICANT'S OR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S PHONE NUMBER AND**  
18 **E-MAIL ADDRESS POSTED.**

19                   **(D) THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE**  
20 **DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO**  
21 **DETERMINE AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS TO**  
22 **UNIFORMLY COLLECT AND POST THE INFORMATION REQUESTED AND POSTED**  
23 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

24                   **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
25 **October 1, 2020.**