

SENATE BILL 141

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Labor)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Public Accountancy – Education Requirements – Obsolete**
3 **References**

4 FOR the purpose of updating and correcting obsolete references to certain educational
5 institution accrediting bodies referenced in the Maryland Public Accountancy Act;
6 and generally relating to the education requirements for certified public accountants.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
9 Section 2–303
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

15 2–303.

16 (a) (1) In order to take the examination, an applicant shall have satisfactorily
17 completed 120 semester hours or their equivalent, and hold a baccalaureate or higher
18 degree that meets the requirements of this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) In order to become licensed, in addition to the other qualifications for a
2 license set forth in this subtitle, an applicant shall have satisfactorily completed 150
3 semester hours or their equivalent, including the attainment of a baccalaureate or higher
4 degree that meets the requirements of this section.

5 (b) The applicant shall have completed for the degree a curriculum that the Board
6 considers to constitute:

7 (1) a major in accounting; or

8 (2) a substantial equivalent to a major in accounting, of which required
9 credits or courses may be taken at any 2- or 4-year regionally accredited institution of
10 higher education.

11 (c) The degree required under this section shall be awarded by a school, college,
12 university, or other institution that:

13 (1) is a member of the [American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of
14 Business] **ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS;**

15 (2) is a member of the [Association of Collegiate Business Schools and
16 Programs] **ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS;**

17 (3) is accredited by or is a constituent unit of an institution accredited by:

18 (i) the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; or

19 (ii) the equivalent regional accrediting association for other regional
20 areas; or

21 (4) is recognized and approved by the Board.

22 (d) (1) The Board may use the services of any institution that it considers
23 appropriate to determine what constitutes a substantial equivalent to a major in accounting
24 under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

25 (2) If the Board uses an institution to determine curriculum equivalencies,
26 the Board may accept as final the determination of that institution.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2021.