

Chapter 787

(House Bill 873)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals –
Certification – Revisions**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals to maintain an electronic roster of all individuals certified by the Board; requiring that the roster be available for electronic verification of certification through the Board’s website; authorizing certain individuals to contact the Board to verify a certificate; repealing a certain requirement that a certain renewal notice sent by the Board contain certain information; and generally relating to certification of residential child care program professionals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 20–307 and 20–310(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

20–307.

(a) The Board shall issue a certificate to any applicant who meets the requirements of this title.

(b) The Board shall include on each certificate that the Board issues:

(1) The full name of the certificate holder; and

(2) A serial number.

(c) The Board may issue a certificate to replace a lost, destroyed, or mutilated certificate if the certificate holder pays the certificate replacement fee set by the Board.

(d) An applicant to whom the Board has issued a certificate under this section shall maintain on file with the Board the applicant’s current resident address and employment address and update the information whenever changes in residency or employment occur.

(E) (1) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC ROSTER OF ALL INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD.

(2) THE ROSTER SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTRONICALLY VERIFYING CERTIFICATION ON THE BOARD’S WEBSITE.

(3) INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE BOARD’S WEBSITE MAY CONTACT THE BOARD TO VERIFY A CERTIFICATE.

20–310.

(b) At least 1 month before the certificate expires, the Board shall send to the certified program administrator or certified residential child and youth care practitioner, by electronic means or first–class mail to the last known electronic or physical address of the certified program administrator or certified residential child and youth care practitioner, a renewal notice that states:

(1) The date on which the current certificate expires;

(2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued [and mailed before the certificate expires]; and

(3) The amount of the renewal fee.

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

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.