

# HOUSE BILL 234

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By: **Delegates Taveras, Hill, and Woods**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Disciplinary Actions**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to take  
4 disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee for failing to comply with a  
5 Board order; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial  
6 review; authorizing the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order;  
7 authorizing the Board to reinstate a suspended or revoked license only in accordance  
8 with the terms and conditions of the order of suspension or revocation or an order of  
9 reinstatement issued by the Board; and generally relating to disciplinary actions by  
10 the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Health Occupations  
13 Section 3–313(28) and (29) and 3–316  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Health Occupations  
18 Section 3–313(30) and 3–317  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Health Occupations**

24 3–313.

25 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 3–315 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, with or  
2 without conditions, or suspend or revoke a license, or any combination thereof, if the  
3 applicant or licensee:

4 (28) Violates any provision of this title; [or]

5 (29) Fails to submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with §  
6 3–302.1 of this subtitle; **OR**

7 **(30) FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY BOARD ORDER.**

8 3–316.

9 (a) Except as provided in this section for an action under § 3–313 of this subtitle,  
10 any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board in a contested case, as defined in the  
11 Administrative Procedure Act, may petition for judicial review as allowed by the  
12 Administrative Procedure Act.

13 (b) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under § 3–313 of this  
14 subtitle may not appeal to the Secretary but may take a direct judicial appeal as provided  
15 in the Administrative Procedure Act.

16 **(C) AN ORDER OF THE BOARD MAY NOT BE STAYED PENDING JUDICIAL**  
17 **REVIEW.**

18 **(D) THE BOARD MAY APPEAL A DECISION THAT REVERSES OR MODIFIES ITS**  
19 **ORDER.**

20 **3–317.**

21 **IF A LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED UNDER § 3–313 OF THIS**  
22 **SUBTITLE, THE BOARD MAY REINSTATE THE LICENSE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH:**

23 **(1) THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORDER OF SUSPENSION OR**  
24 **REVOCAATION; OR**

25 **(2) AN ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2023.