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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

House Bill 959

(Delegate Bhandari, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

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**Health Occupations - Certified Dialysis Technicians - Continuing Education Requirement**

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This bill alters the continuing education requirement for certified dialysis technicians (CDTs) renewing their certification. The bill requires *three hours* of continuing education approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) rather than a three-hour continuing education course approved by MBON. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2024.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The change is technical in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** “Certified dialysis technician” means an individual who has completed a MBON-approved dialysis technician program and is certified by MBON as a dialysis technician. To qualify for certification, an applicant must (1) submit the required application; (2) provide evidence of successful completion of an approved dialysis technician training program; (3) pay an application fee; (4) be of good moral character; and (5) be at least 18 years old. An applicant must also submit to a criminal history records check.

MBON must send a renewal notice at least three months before a certificate expires. CDTs may renew their certificate for an additional term if the CDT (1) is otherwise entitled to be certified; (2) submits a renewal application; (3) pays the renewal fee; (4) has completed 16 hours of practice as a dialysis technician in the immediately preceding two-year period, a three-hour MBON-approved continuing education course, or an MBON-approved dialysis technician training program; and (5) has an active specified national certification.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Health; Department of Legislative Services

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