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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – ~~Immigrants~~**  
3 **Lawful Presence and Identification Numbers**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health occupations board from ~~denying a license,~~  
5 ~~certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets certain~~  
6 ~~requirements~~ requiring that an applicant provide proof that the applicant is lawfully  
7 present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual  
8 Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure, certification, or  
9 registration; requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a  
10 license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification  
11 Number of the applicant ~~and~~ or, as permitted under federal law, provide alternative  
12 documentation, record the number ~~on~~ or alternative documentation in the  
13 application file, and include certain information in a list provided to the Department  
14 of Assessments and Taxation; and generally relating to ~~applications for~~ health  
15 occupations licenses, certifications, ~~or~~ and registrations ~~by immigrants.~~

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article – Family Law  
18 Section 10–119.3(a) and (c)(1)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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### 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 Article – Family Law  
2 Section 10–119.3(b), (c)(2), and (d)(1)  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Health Occupations  
7 Section 1–210  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Health Occupations  
12 Section 1–227  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Family Law**

18 10–119.3.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) “License” means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or other  
21 authorization that:

22 (i) is issued by a licensing authority;

23 (ii) is subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture, or termination by  
24 a licensing authority; and

25 (iii) is necessary for an individual to practice or engage in:

26 1. a particular business, occupation, or profession; or

27 2. recreational hunting or fishing.

28 (3) (i) “Licensing authority” means a department, unit of a department,  
29 commission, board, office, or court of the State.

30 (ii) “Licensing authority” includes:

31 1. the Maryland Department of Labor;

- 1                                   2.     the Maryland Department of Health;
- 2                                   3.     the Department of Human Services;
- 3                                   4.     the Department of Transportation;
- 4                                   5.     the Department of the Environment;
- 5                                   6.     the Comptroller of the Treasury;
- 6                                   7.     the Department of Agriculture;
- 7                                   8.     the Maryland Insurance Administration;
- 8                                   9.     the Public Service Commission;
- 9                                   10.    the Secretary of State;
- 10                                  11.    the State Department of Education;
- 11                                  12.    the Department of Natural Resources;
- 12                                  13.    the Office of the Attorney General;
- 13                                  14.    the clerks of the court that are authorized to issue a license  
14 or certificate for professional services or recreational uses; and
- 15                                  15.    the Court of Appeals.

16           (b)   (1)   Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this  
17 subsection, a licensing authority shall:

- 18                               (i)    require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security  
19 number of the applicant; and
- 20                               (ii)   record the applicant’s Social Security number on the application.

21           (2)   The Department of Natural Resources shall:

- 22                               (i)    require an applicant for a recreational hunting or fishing license  
23 to disclose only the last four digits of the Social Security number of the applicant instead of  
24 the full Social Security number; and
- 25                               (ii)   record the applicant’s partial Social Security number on the  
26 application.

27           **(3)   EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD SHALL:**

1 (I) REQUIRE EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO ~~DISCLOSE~~:

2 1. DISCLOSE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR  
3 INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT; OR

4 2. PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION AS  
5 PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UNDER  
6 SECTION 466(A)(13) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; AND

7 (II) RECORD THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ~~OR~~,  
8 INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ~~OR~~, OR ALTERNATIVE  
9 DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN THE  
10 APPLICATION FILE.

11 (c) (1) To carry out its responsibility under State and federal law, the  
12 Administration may request from a licensing authority information concerning any obligor  
13 in arrears in paying child support through a support enforcement agency.

14 (2) A request for information by the Administration under paragraph (1) of  
15 this subsection:

16 (i) shall contain:

17 1. the full name of the obligor; and

18 2. A. the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the  
19 partial Social Security number ~~OR~~ OF THE OBLIGOR, IF KNOWN; OR

20 B. THE INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION  
21 NUMBER of the obligor, IF KNOWN; and

22 (ii) may be transmitted to a licensing authority using an electronic  
23 format.

24 (d) (1) Upon receipt of a request for information under subsection (c) of this  
25 section, a licensing authority shall submit the following information to the Administration  
26 with respect to each obligor who is licensed by, or has applied for a license from, the  
27 licensing authority:

28 (i) the full name of the obligor;

29 (ii) the address of the obligor, if known;

30 (iii) IF KNOWN;

1                    1.     the Social Security number or, as appropriate, the partial  
2 Social Security number ~~OR~~ OF THE OBLIGOR; OR

3                    2.     THE INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION  
4 NUMBER of the obligor, ~~if known~~; and

5                    (iv)    a description of the license held by the obligor.

6                    **Article – Health Occupations**

7 1-210.

8                    (a)     By August 31 of each year, each health [occupation] OCCUPATIONS board  
9 authorized to issue a license or certificate under this article shall provide to the Department  
10 of Assessments and Taxation a list of persons issued licenses or certificates under this  
11 article during the previous fiscal year, to assist the Department of Assessments and  
12 Taxation in identifying new businesses within the State.

13                    (b)     The list provided under this section shall:

14                    (1)     Be provided free of charge; and

15                    (2)     Include, for each person on the list:

16                    (i)     The name and mailing address of the person; and

17                    (ii)    1.     The federal tax identification number of the person, [or,]  
18 if KNOWN; OR

19                    2.     IF the person does not have a federal tax identification  
20 number, the Social Security number of the person, IF KNOWN.

21 1-227.

22                    ~~(A)     IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:~~

23                    ~~(1)     WHOSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE~~  
24 ~~UNITED STATES;~~

25                    ~~(2)     WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; AND~~

26                    ~~(3)     WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.~~

27                    ~~(B)     A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY NOT DENY A LICENSE,~~  
28 ~~CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION TO AN IMMIGRANT IF THE INDIVIDUAL~~

1 ~~OTHERWISE MEETS ALL EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, OR PROFESSIONAL~~  
2 ~~REQUIREMENTS REQUIRE AS A CONDITION FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR~~  
3 ~~REGISTRATION THAT AN APPLICANT:~~

4           **(1) PROVIDE PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN**  
5 **THE UNITED STATES, AS ALLOWED UNDER 8 U.S.C. § 1621; OR**

6           **(2) HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER**  
7 **IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.