Courses in Cultural Competency, Health Disparities and Military Culture

During the 2017 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed **House Bill 275**, **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Recommended Courses in Military Culture,** which requires the Department of Health (the Department), in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide to certain health occupations boards a list of recommended courses in military culture; and generally relating to courses in military culture recommended by the Department.

Specifically, The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities shall provide to each board a list of recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities and health literacy. The Department, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, shall provide to each board a list of recommended courses in military culture.

In fulfillment of these requirements, please find below, links to the required courses.

<u>List of recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities and health literacy</u> <u>List of recommended courses in military culture.</u>

As stated in the bill, this Act took effect October 1 2017, and each board shall:

- (1) Post the list of recommended courses provided to the board under subsection (a) of this section prominently on the board's Web site;
- (2) Provide information about the recommended courses to health care professionals at the time of renewal of licensure; and
- (3) Advertise the availability of the recommended courses in newsletters and any other media published by the board.