



MARYLAND Department of Health

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brandon Wright, Associate Director, Health Workforce, Health Professionals Boards and Commissions

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DATE: September 15, 2017

SUBJECT: House Bill 275/Chapter 183, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-
Recommended Courses in 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, for distribution to the specified Boards.

[List of recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities and health literacy](#)

[List of recommended courses in military culture](#)

As stated in the bill this Act shall take 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.

Please feel free to reach out to Karen Gutierrez at the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities at 410-767-6539 or Karen.Gutierrez@maryland.gov if you have any questions regarding this response to HB 275.