

HOUSE BILL 533

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CF SB 523

By: **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, B. Barnes, Lehman, Love, Shetty, Terrasa, and Valentino–Smith**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Occupations and Professions – Licenses, Certificates, and Registration –**
3 **Immigrants**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a State occupational or professional licensing board from
5 denying an occupational or professional license, certification, or registration to an
6 immigrant if the individual meets certain requirements; and generally relating to
7 occupational and professional licenses, certifications, or registrations to immigrants.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 8–506

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **8–506.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “IMMIGRANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:**

18 **(1) WHOSE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE**
19 **UNITED STATES;**

20 **(2) WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITES STATES; AND**

21 **(3) WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A STATE OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD MAY**
2 **NOT DENY AN OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR**
3 **REGISTRATION TO AN IMMIGRANT IF THE INDIVIDUAL OTHERWISE MEETS ALL**
4 **EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, OR PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE,**
5 **CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2022.