

Chapter 682

(House Bill 827)

AN ACT concerning

Polysomnographic Technologists – Education and Examination Requirements

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the examination requirements for a license to practice polysomnography to require a certain examination approved by the Board of Physicians to be accredited by a certain accrediting organization;~~ altering the education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography; requiring the State Board of Physicians to waive certain education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography if, in addition to meeting certain other requirements, an applicant has a passed a certain examination on or before a certain date; and generally relating to education and examination requirements for polysomnographic technologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–5C–09 and 14–5C–10

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

14–5C–09.

(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant shall:

(1) Be of good moral character; and

(2) Be at least 18 years old.

(c) An applicant for a polysomnographic technologist license shall:

(1) Have passed the national certifying examination given by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists or another examination

~~ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF CERTIFYING AGENCIES AND~~
approved by the Board;

(2) Submit to the Board proof of certification as a registered polysomnographic technologist or other national certification approved by the Board;

(3) (i) 1. Have graduated from a polysomnographic educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; OR

2. ~~HAVE GRADUATED FROM SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A:~~

A. ~~A~~ HAVE GRADUATED FROM A SLEEP TECHNOLOGIST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SLEEP MEDICINE; AND

B. ~~A PROGRAM DESIGNATED AS A SLEEP TECHNOLOGIST APPROVED RESOURCE BY THE BOARD OF REGISTERED POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS; OR~~

C. ~~A PROGRAM RECOMMENDED~~ HAVE COMPLETED A CLINICAL COMPONENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD;

(ii) 1. Have graduated from a respiratory care educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; and

2. Have completed the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care's curriculum for a polysomnography certificate that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; or

(iii) 1. Have graduated from an electroneuro-diagnostic educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; and

2. Have completed additional units, modules, and courses of instruction focused on polysomnographic technology that are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; and

(4) Meet any other educational or clinical requirements established by the Committee and approved by the Board.

(a) The Board shall waive the education requirement under § 14-5C-09(c)(3) of this subtitle if on or before September 30, 2013, an individual:

(1) Has passed the national certifying examination by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists **OR ANOTHER EXAMINATION ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF CERTIFYING AGENCIES AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD;**

(2) Is certified by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists as a registered polysomnographic technologist;

(3) Has submitted an application for licensure to the Board; and

(4) Meets all of the requirements under § 14-5C-09(b) and (c)(1) and (2) of this subtitle.

(b) (1) If an individual has not satisfied the requirements under subsection (a) of this section on or before September 30, 2013, the individual may petition the Board for an extension.

(2) The Board shall determine whether to grant an extension under this subsection on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.