

Chapter 230

(Senate Bill 371)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – Discipline of Health Care Practitioners – Failure to Comply with Governor’s Order

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain health occupations boards to take certain actions against certain health care practitioners under certain circumstances and subject to certain hearing provisions; prohibiting certain health care practitioners from knowingly and willfully failing to comply with certain provisions of law; subjecting certain health care practitioners to certain discipline under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the discipline of health care practitioners for the failure to comply with the Governor’s order relating to catastrophic health emergencies.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–219
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3A–01(a) and (e) and 14–3A–03(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3A–08
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

1–219.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS THAT GOVERN THE DISCIPLINE OF A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER BY EACH RESPECTIVE HEALTH ~~OCCUPATION~~ OCCUPATIONS BOARD, A HEALTH ~~OCCUPATION~~ OCCUPATIONS BOARD MAY REPRIMAND, PLACE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE OF ANY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER UNDER THE BOARD’S JURISDICTION WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH § 14-3A-03(C) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

Article – Public Safety

14-3A-01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (e) “Heath care provider” means:

(1) a health care facility as defined in § 19-114(d)(l) of the Health – General Article;

(2) a health care practitioner as defined in § 19-114(e) of the Health – General Article; and

(3) an individual licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider under § 13-516 of the Education Article.

14-3A-03.

(c) The Governor may order any health care provider, who does not voluntarily participate, to participate in disease surveillance, treatment, and suppression efforts or otherwise comply with the directives of the Secretary or other designated official.

14-3A-08.

(a) **(1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,** A person may not knowingly and willfully fail to comply with an order, requirement, or directive issued under this subtitle.

[(b)] (2) A person who violates [subsection (a) of this section] **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION** is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

(B) (1) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED IN § 19-114(E) OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE, MAY NOT KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH § 14-3A-03(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE UNDER § ~~1-214~~ 1-219 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.