

# SENATE BILL 48

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By: **Senator Conway**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Failure to Pass Licensure**  
3 **Examination – Prohibition on Issuance of License**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a  
5 physical therapist assistant who fails the examination for licensure a certain number  
6 of times from retaking the examination and being licensed by the State Board of  
7 Physical Therapy Examiners; and generally relating to examination requirements  
8 for licensure by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Health Occupations  
11 Section 13–306  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Health Occupations**

17 13–306.

18 (a) **(1)** [An] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
19 **SUBSECTION, AN** applicant who otherwise qualifies for a license is entitled to be examined  
20 for that license as provided in this section.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1                   **(2) AN APPLICANT WHO FAILS THE EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE SIX**  
2 **TIMES MAY NOT:**

3                   **(I) RETAKE THE EXAMINATION; OR**

4                   **(II) BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD.**

5           (b) The Board shall give examinations at least twice a year, at the times and  
6 places that the Board determines, to applicants for:

7                   (1) A physical therapy license; and

8                   (2) A physical therapist assistant license.

9           (c) The Board or its agent shall notify each qualified applicant of the time and  
10 place of the examination.

11           (d) The Board shall determine the subjects, scope, form, and passing score for  
12 examinations given under this subtitle.

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.