

SENATE BILL 776

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By: **Senator Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Polysomnographic Technologists – Education and Examination**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the education requirements for a license to practice
5 polysomnography; requiring the State Board of Physicians to waive certain
6 education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography if, in addition
7 to meeting certain other requirements, an applicant has a passed a certain
8 examination on or before a certain date; and generally relating to education and
9 examination requirements for polysomnographic technologists.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 14–5C–09 and 14–5C–10
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 14–5C–09.

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

21 (b) The applicant shall:

22 (1) Be of good moral character; and

23 (2) Be at least 18 years old.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (1) Have passed the national certifying examination given by the
3 Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists or another examination approved
4 by the Board;

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

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

10 **2. HAVE GRADUATED FROM A SLEEP TECHNOLOGIST**
11 **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF**
12 **SLEEP MEDICINE;**

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

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

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

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

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

27 14-5C-10.

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

30 (1) Has passed the national certifying examination by the Board of
31 Registered Polysomnographic Technologists **OR ANOTHER EXAMINATION**
32 **APPROVED BY THE BOARD;**

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

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

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

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

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

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