

Health Occupation Boards Bill Summary Maryland Board of Physicians



SB 423, the Maryland Medical Practice Act and Physician Assistants Act - Revisions, updates the Maryland Medical Practice Act and the Maryland Physician Assistants Act, focusing on key regulatory changes

Key Takeaways

10-Day Reporting Process Modifications

- Modified the existing 10-day reporting process to require employers to report if a physician's privileges are suspended, revoked, or terminated due to misconduct or safety concerns, and must notify the Board of Physicians if a physician resigns under investigation or faces disciplinary action
- Increases the penalty for failure to submit a 10-day report from \$5,000 to \$10,000
- Maintains a provision enabling employers to extend reporting deadlines when justified by good cause
- The Board of Physicians will be promulgating regulations during the interim to define these statutory changes

Licensure Renewal & Updates

- Mandates that health care license and certification holders notify the Board of changes to their name or address within 30 days

Physician Assistant Changes

- Removes the requirement to list each patient care physician to codify current Board practice
- Revises the requirement to notify the delegating patient care team physician rather than each patient care team physician
- Replaces the outdated term "primary supervising physician" with "patient care team physician"
- Removes the requirement to notify the Board if a physician removes the delegation of prescriptive authority

Disciplinary Changes

- Increases the fee from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for employing a practitioner without a license