

Chapter 74

(House Bill 179)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 13–306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Health Occupations

13–306.

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

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

(i) RETAKE THE EXAMINATION; OR

(ii) BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD.

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

(1) A physical therapy license; and

(2) A physical therapist assistant license.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.