

SENATE BILL 128

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By: **Senators Conway, Della, Dyson, Greenip, Lenett, and Zirkin**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations and Professions – Accountants – Continuing Education**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that prohibits a certain
4 licensee from receiving more than a certain number of credit hours to meet a
5 certain program requirement if the credit hours are obtained in a certain
6 manner; and generally relating to continuing education requirements for
7 certified public accountants.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
10 Section 2–312(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

16 2–312.

17 (a) (1) The Board shall adopt regulations that set, in accordance with this
18 section, continuing education requirements as a condition to the renewal of licenses
19 under this subtitle.

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) A continuing education requirement does not apply to the first
2 renewal of a license.

3 (3) (i) To qualify for any further renewal of a license under this
4 subtitle, a licensee shall complete, for each 2-year license term, at least 80 hours in
5 programs that the Board approves.

6 (ii) If a licensee completes more than 80 hours during a 2-year
7 license term, the Board shall credit the excess hours to the requirements for the
8 following term.

9 [(4) A licensee may meet not more than 40 hours of the program
10 requirement for a license term, by:

11 (i) participation in a course of home study that the Board
12 approves; or

13 (ii) service as a teacher, lecturer, or discussion leader in a
14 course approved by the Board in accounting or a related subject.]

15 [(5) (4) Except as provided under paragraph [(6)] (5) of this
16 subsection, a licensee may not be required to take an examination to qualify for license
17 renewal under this section.

18 [(6) (5) On request of a licensee, the Board may allow the licensee to
19 substitute the passage of an examination for a number of program hours. If the Board
20 grants a request under this paragraph, the Board shall determine the number of
21 program hours that the licensee may satisfy by passage of the examination.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.