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Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-401(a) and (b)

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Section 14-401(c) *and 14-404(a)(33) and (34)*

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BY adding to

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

**Article – Health Occupations**

14-401.

(a) The Board shall perform any necessary preliminary investigation before the Board refers to an investigatory body an allegation of grounds for disciplinary or other action brought to its attention.

(b) If an allegation of grounds for disciplinary or other action is made by a patient or a family member of a patient in a standard of care case and a full investigation results from that allegation, the full investigation shall include an offer of an interview with the patient or a family member of the patient who was present on or about the time that the incident that gave rise to the allegation occurred.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after performing any necessary preliminary investigation of an allegation of grounds for disciplinary or other action, the Board may:

- (i) Refer the allegation for further investigation to the Faculty; [or]
- (ii) Take any appropriate and immediate action as necessary; OR

(III) COME TO AN AGREEMENT FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION WITH A LICENSEE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) (i) After performing any necessary preliminary investigation of an allegation of grounds for disciplinary or other action, the Board shall refer any allegation involving standards of medical care, as determined by the Board, and any allegation based