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In Re: Board of Nursing Annual Report

The Hon. Joan Carter Conway, Chairman  
Senate Education, Health, and  
Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Hon. Peter A. Hammen, Chairman  
House Health and Government  
Operations Committee  
241 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Conway and Delegate Hammen:

The Board of Nursing submits the following annual report for Fiscal Year 2013, as required by the Health Occupations Article, § 8-205(a)(8).

**FISCAL YEAR 2013**

**License Renewal and Certification**

Initial Licenses and Certificates Issued by the Board .....20,754  
Renewal Licenses and Certificates Issued by the Board ..252,863

**Criminal History Record Checks**

Positive Criminal History Record Check .....2,873  
Negative History Record Checks .....31,301

**Denial of Licenses and Certificates**

Denial for Positive Criminal History Record Check .....6  
Denial for other reasons .....2

**Complaints**

Received in FY 2013 .....3,698  
Open Complaints at end of FY 2013 .....1,003  
FY 2013 percent completion rate .....63%



**Most Common Grounds for Complaints**

- Positive Criminal History Record Check
- Standard of care violations
- Discipline in another State
- Abuse (includes verbal and physical abuse)
- Substance Abuse


**Number and types of disciplinary action taken by the Board**

Summary Suspension .....	30
Revocation.....	110
Reprimand .....	46
Probation.....	29
Denial of License or Certificate .....	8
Reciprocal Discipline .....	429
Fines.....	\$15,800.00

Respectfully submitted,



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Board President



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