



November 18, 2014

In Re: Board of Nursing Annual Report

The Honorable Martin J. O'Malley, Governor  
Office of the Governor  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-3901

Dear Governor O'Malley:

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 2014**

**License Renewal and Certification**

Initial Licenses and Certificates Issued by the Board .....27,058  
Renewal Licenses and Certificates Issued by the Board.....102,772

**Criminal History Record Checks**

Positive Criminal History Record Check.....2,252  
Negative History Record Checks..... 22,986

**Denial of Licenses and Certificates**

Denial for Positive Criminal History Record Check .....19  
Denial for other reasons .....16

**Complaints**

Received in FY 2013.....3,180  
Open Complaints at end of FY 2013.....1339  
FY 2013 percent completion rate .....43%

**Most Common Grounds for Complaints**

Positive Criminal History Record Check .....2,052  
Standard of care violations .....403  
Discipline in another State .....290  
Substance Abuse .....173  
Abuse (includes verbal and physical abuse).....148

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

Summary Suspension..... 41  
Revocation..... 144  
Reprimand ..... 39  
Probation.....30  
Denial of License or Certificate .....35  
Reciprocal Discipline.....377  
Fines.....\$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,



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