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By: **Senator Hollinger (Chairman, Health Subcommittee)**

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CHAPTER 165

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Nursing - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Nursing in accordance with the  
4 provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending  
5 to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and  
6 regulatory authority of the Board; authorizing the Board to determine certain  
7 compensation for Board members; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and  
8 the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before  
9 a certain date; requiring the Board to submit a certain report to certain  
10 committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board  
11 of Nursing.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Health Occupations  
14 Section 8-204(c) and 8-802  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 Article - State Government  
19 Section 8-403(a)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article - State Government

1 Section 8-403(b)(42)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

6 **Article - Health Occupations**

7 8-204.

8 (c) In accordance with the State budget, each member of the Board is entitled  
9 to:

10 (1) [\$40 for each day the member is engaged in Board business]  
11 COMPENSATION, AT A RATE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, FOR EACH DAY ON WHICH  
12 THE MEMBER IS ENGAGED IN THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBER'S OFFICE; and

13 (2) Reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel  
14 Regulations.

15 8-802.

16 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program  
17 Evaluation Act, the provisions of this title and of any rule or regulation adopted under  
18 this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2003] 2013.

19 **Article - State Government**

20 8-403.

21 (a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a  
22 governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a  
23 preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this  
24 section.

25 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before  
26 the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation  
27 shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and  
28 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

29 (42) Nursing, State Board of (§ 8-201 of the Health Occupations Article:  
30 July 1, [2002] 2012);

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Board of  
32 Nursing shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
33 Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before October 1,  
34 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the  
35 implementation of the recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services  
36 contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 31, 2001. This report shall

1 include an evaluation of the development, implementation, and effectiveness of an  
2 action plan to reduce the backlog in complaints, and a description of the efforts of the  
3 Board to reduce operating costs through enhanced efficiency in the use of technology  
4 and personnel.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2002.