
By: **The Speaker (Department of Legislative Services)**

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CHAPTER 209

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - Regulatory Boards and Committees - Sunset**
3 **Extension and Program Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists,
5 Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists, the State Board of
6 Professional Counselors and Therapists, the State Board of Occupational
7 Therapy Practice, and the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee in
8 accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset
9 Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the
10 statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and the advisory committee;
11 requiring that an evaluation of the boards and the advisory committee and the
12 statutes and regulations that relate to them be performed on or before a certain
13 date; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to health occupations
14 regulatory boards.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Health Occupations
17 Section 2-502, 10-502, 15-502, and 17-502
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article - State Government
22 Section 8-403(a)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article - State Government
3 Section 8-403(b)(7), (16), (45), and (49)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

8 **Article - Health Occupations**

9 2-502.

10 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the MARYLAND
11 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this
12 title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2016.

13 10-502.

14 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the MARYLAND
15 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this
16 title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2015.

17 15-502.

18 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland
19 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall
20 terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2013.

21 17-502.

22 Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland
23 Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules or regulations adopted under this title
24 shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2004] 2009.

25 **Article - State Government**

26 8-403.

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

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

1 (7) Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language
2 Pathologists, State Board of Examiners for (§ 2-201 of the Health Occupations
3 Article: July 1, [2003] 2015);

4 (16) Counselors and Therapists, State Board of Professional (§ 17-201 of
5 the Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2003] 2008);

6 (45) Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of (§ 10-201 of the
7 Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2003] 2014);

8 (49) Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (§ 15-201 of the Health
9 Occupations Article: July 1, [2003] 2012);

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2002.