

Chapter 574

(House Bill 75)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 18–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(b)(55)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

18–502.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program Evaluation Act, this title and all rules and regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2013] **2023**.

Article – State Government

8–403.

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

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

(55) Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of (§ 18–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2012] **2022**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2012, the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. The report shall include:

(1) an update on the Board’s plans to require psychology associates to renew their exemption status every 2 years and a determination by the Board as to whether psychology associates should be required to take continuing education credits;

(2) an analysis of the role of psychology associates in the State and whether it would be appropriate to certify or license psychology associates, as well as whether additional disciplinary authority is needed; and

(3) a long–term financial plan that:

(i) assesses options for bringing expenditures in line with revenues, including reducing expenditures;

(ii) identifies the need for any future fee increases, including determining what appropriate increases would be relative to the fees charged by other boards;

(iii) discusses how the Board can maintain an appropriate fund balance; and

(iv) institutes a systematic, ongoing process for long-term financial planning.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.