

## **Chapter 174**

**(Senate Bill 95)**

AN ACT concerning

### **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners 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 Social Work Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 19–502  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 8–403(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 8–403(b)(64)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Health Occupations**

19–502.

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, [2014] **2024**.

### **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:

(64) Social Work Examiners, State Board of (§ 19–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2013] **2023**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2013, the State Board of Social Work Examiners 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 analysis of licensing trends for the licensed social work associate (LSWA) license and options for increasing the number of individuals seeking that level of licensure;

(2) an update on licensing fees, including a long–term financial plan to ensure a sufficient fund balance; and

(3) an update on the board’s disciplinary process, including outreach efforts and efforts to meet Managing for Results goals.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.**