

# HOUSE BILL 638

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians – Sunset Evaluation and Performance Audit**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date of a certain evaluation provision relating to the State  
4 Board of Physicians under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law);  
5 requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a certain performance audit of  
6 the State Board of Physicians; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to report to  
7 the General Assembly on or before a certain date; making a conforming change; and  
8 generally relating to the State Board of Physicians.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – State Government  
11 Section 8–405(b)(5)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 8–405.

18 (b) Each of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and  
19 regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units are subject to full evaluation,  
20 in the evaluation year specified, without the need for a preliminary evaluation:

21 (5) Physicians, State Board of (§ 14–201 of the Health Occupations Article:  
22 [2021] **2019**), [including] AND:

23 (i) Athletic Training Advisory Committee (§ 14–5D–04 of the Health

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Occupations Article: 2021);

2 (ii) Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee (§ 14–5F–04 of the  
3 Health Occupations Article: 2021);

4 (iii) Perfusion Advisory Committee (§ 14–5E–05 of the Health  
5 Occupations Article: 2021);

6 (iv) Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (§ 15–201 of the Health  
7 Occupations Article: 2021);

8 (v) Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee  
9 (§ 14–5C–05 of the Health Occupations Article: 2021);

10 (vi) Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology  
11 Advisory, and Radiology Assistance Committee (§ 14–5B–05 of the Health Occupations  
12 Article: 2021); and

13 (vii) Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee  
14 (§ 14–5A–05 of the Health Occupations Article: 2021).

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

16 (a) The Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct a performance audit of the State  
17 Board of Physicians to evaluate whether the Board is operating in an economic, efficient,  
18 and effective manner.

19 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Office of Legislative Audits shall report to  
20 the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the  
21 audit of the State Board of Physicians.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
23 1, 2019.