

Chapter 548

(Senate Bill 306)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners – Sunset Extension and Report

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Dental 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 the Board to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Dental Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Health Occupations
 Section 4–201
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Health Occupations
 Section 4–702
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

4–201.

There is a State Board of Dental Examiners in the Department.

4–702.

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, [2021] **2031**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2020, the State Board of Dental 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 § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the status of staff vacancies and the strategy and means used to fill those vacancies; and

(2) the Board's complaint and enforcement process for the past 5 years, including the numbers and types of complaints filed, the resolution rate and reasons for the length of time to resolve a complaint, the Board's process and timeline for handling complaints, and any other issues related to the Board's complaint and enforcement process.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.